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Elders targets U.S. health education issues

By Kathy Webber '00
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Jocelyn Elders addresses the Chapel on Wednesday.

Students, faculty, local community members, and Utica television crews were among the crowd who filled the Chapel on Wednesday night to attend a lecture given by Dr. M. Jocelyn Elders, former Surgeon General of the United States.

Hamilton College hosts it first official celebration of Black History Month this year. A formal calendar has been drawn up by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, which is directed by Kerri Sethi. He has been able to organize many lectures and activities with the help of other organizations.

Elders replaced United States Astronaut Mae Jemison as Hamilton's Black History Month keynote speaker. Sworn in on September 8, 1993, Elders was the first African-American Surgeon General and the only the second woman to hold the position in its 123 year history.

Wearing a condom pin, Elders addressed the audience on a variety of subjects concerning the health and well-being of our society. Elders is a strong advocate for health education from grades kindergarten to twelfth grade. Nicknamed the "condom queen," Elders supports the distribution of condoms to young adults.

"Our children are having children before becoming adults," Elders remarked. According to Elders, teenage pregnancy is a large problem in America. Sixty percent of pregnancies in the United States are unplanned and 13% of those involve teenagers.

Elders feels America is health illiterate, and the United States needs a better health care program. She believes that the current system lacks uniformity and emphasis on prevention of illness. According to Elders, more funds need to be directed toward preventive education. She reinforced the idea that in addition to the three R's learned in school, children should be taught responsibility.

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Custodial costs plague organization budgets

By Sam Evans '00
NEWS EDITOR

A recent study has shed some light on accusations that the Physical Plant is charging exorbitant fees for cleaning up after events held in areas designated as social spaces.

Under the Residential Life Decision enacted in the fall of 1995, groups hosting functions with alcohol were limited to areas designated as social spaces: the Bundy Dining Hall, North Court, The Bristol Hub, the basement of Emerson Literary Society (ELS) and the Bundy Fishroom. With the change of environment, however, followed a financial situation that has stifled and aggrivated students and administration alike.

"The idea of College facilities being used for social events with alcohol is a new concept," admitted Director of Student Activities Beverly Low. The new system stipulates that host groups must clean the space thoroughly after the event, but that mopping and other such duties must be left to Physical Plant for safety reasons.

As a result, many student organizations, particularly the private societies have been swamped with astronomical cleaning bills for services that they are not even allowed to perform.

"It seems to students that seventy to eighty percent of charges are mopping charges," said Dean of Students Janice Coates. "We need to look at that."

Meanwhile, most of the private societies have been at arms over what Phi Beta Chi Treasurer and Former President of the InterSociety Council Christie Gammill '97 called "outrageous prices for a questionable amount of work."

Phi Beta Chi hosted five events, and made sure to fulfill their portion of the cleaning arrangement, according to Gammill, only to confront a bill of $1,305.55 for cleaning charges. On February 4, members of the society cleaned all surfaces and swept the floor

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Trustees gather on Hill to discuss tuition, appointment

By Aaron C. Armstrong '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Hamilton Trustees are currently visiting the Hill for their second Trustee Weekend of the academic year. Nine committees will meet on Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss a wide array of community issues. The chairs of those committees will then convene tomorrow morning to present their research and findings at a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Weekend is a decisive time in planning the agenda for the upcoming school year, according to Assistant to the President Louise Peckingham. The trustees discuss and pass decisions on issues varying from curriculum changes to fund raising.

The trustee committees are composed of former alumni, faculty and current students. The diversity of the groups enable them to encompass a broad range of viewpoints on each issue, according to Peckingham. The meetings are long and many ideas are proposed. Their decisions have lasting effects on the College and those associated with it.

One of the weekend's primary issues is the establishment of the tuition and fees for next year. This topic is customarily examined at the second trustee meeting of the year.

The Trustees will also confirm Art Department member Robert Palusky's appointment to the newly-created John and Anne Fischer Professorship in the Fine Arts. Since 1969, when Professor Palusky joined Kirkland College, he has been an influential and devoted teacher of ceramics and pottery. His works with glass have been viewed in museums around the globe.

This professorship recognizes Palusky's hard work and commitment to academic excellence in his field of specialty.

The John and Anne Fischer Professorship in the Fine Arts was created by former Alumni Trustee Dr. Peter B. Fischer '63. Fischer is a well-known and respected physician on the West Coast.

In a ceremony that took place

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SPECTACLES 'Special' effects

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Hamilton's all-female *a capella* group, Special K, tunes up before performing at HAVOC's Open Mike in the Events Barn last night. The event was a fundraiser to support HAVOC's Alternative Spring Break programs.

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Photographer Duvant captures historical perspectives on film

'Anchored Fictions, Elusive Documents' highlights photography as propaganda

By Suzanne Dougherty '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

In his lecture, "Anchored Fictions, Elusive Documents: Contemporary Photography and Historical Representation," Mark Alice Duvant exhibited the different functions of photography. His slide show presentation highlighted photography as a medium of colonial, social scientific and aesthetic propaganda.

As an artist and writer, Duvant said he feels a powerful sensation when he is able to transform history into a "spectacle" which bears not on the object but more on the time frame. His reference to a "photographic truth" explains the past but not the context of the images he captures each and every time he focuses his lenses.

Images of slain heroines taking their last breath after being devastated by the Nazi takeover, and soldiers in Cambodia preparing for battle are some of the powerful images that Duvant has captured on film. Through discussion of one of his most recently published works, Killing Fields Cambodian prisoners signaled anguish and defeat as they lay helpless.

Duvant described a powerful method of photography called, 'Pictures About Pictures,' which portrays a heroic early-twentieth century. One's understanding of different cultures or events, the Holocaust in particular, is then consequently shaped by historic representations.

Duvant's newest project on the Holocaust draws from testimonies of Holocaust survivors. He emphasized that these tales are the only specific affirmations of the horrible events.

There is no denying that a photographer has a tremendous responsibility to capture the intensity of such traumatic historical events. But attempting to accomplish such a task, he said, provides a chance for critics to belittle the photographer's efforts as a mere mockery of the actual event.

It is the major goal of every photographer to capture the emotional as well as the physical well-being of its subjects, according to Duvant. His statement, "I am here, I'm soon to be no more and will haunt you once I'm gone" is the underlying theme he finds in almost all of his representations. Ultimately the photographer realizes that he's a stranger that doesn't want to be one. Undeniably many are concerned that stereotypes and cultural stigmas will influence the photographer in his depiction of specific historical events.

Documentary photography embodies the powerful versus the powerless attitudes of the last century-and-a-half, he said. Photographs are a paradoxical addition to society because they function individually as well as culturally.

Fischer dedicates professorship of Fine Arts in name of parents

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last Thursday in the Emerson Gallery, Dr. Fischer applauded his experiences at Hamilton. Accompanied by his close family, he dedicated the professorship in the name of his parents. In his speech, he eluded to the importance of a liberal arts education on his own life.

"Unexpectedly for a chemistry major and pediatrician, I have gained some notoriety as a tennis coach and a collector of American Art. Yet I neither played tennis nor studied art while at Hamilton," Dr. Fischer said during the ceremony that drew students, faculty and trustees. He is known as a mentor and coach of tennis great Pete Sampras.

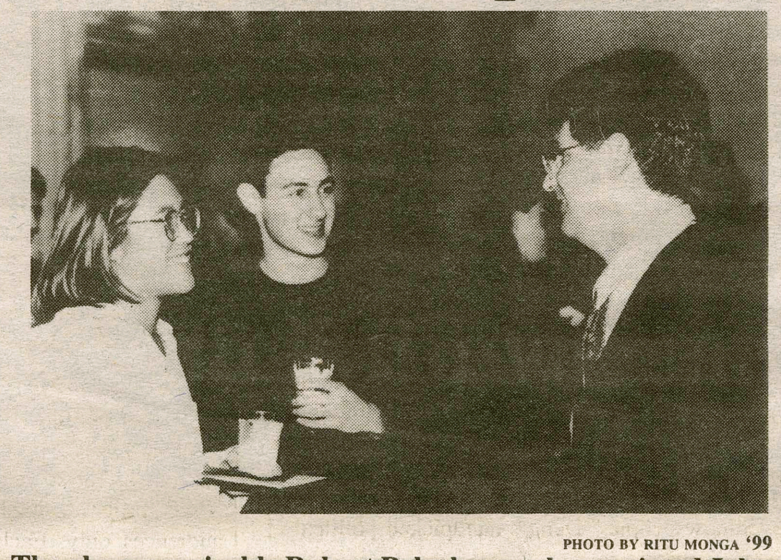

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

The always-amicable Robert Palusky, newly appointed John and Anne Fischer Professor of Fine Arts, chats with students.

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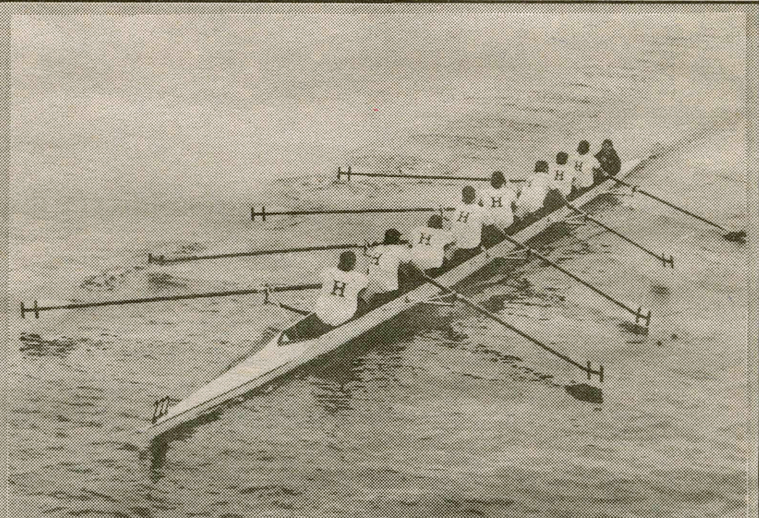

PHOTO BY JULI LOSAURO '99

The Blue Crew moves to the beat of a different coxswain. When it stops snowing, Hamilton Crew starts rowing.

HAMILTON COLLEGE NEWS BRIEFS

Pulitzer Prize winning author of 'Mambo Kings' to present reading Thursday

Pulitzer Prize Winner Oscar Hijuelos, author of the bestselling novel, *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*, will present a reading of his own work on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Filius Events Barn. The event is free and open to the public.

Mr. Hijuelos was born to Cuban immigrants in 1951 on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, a neighborhood which continues to influence and shape his writing. After receiving a BA and completing a graduate program from the City College of New York, Mr. Hijuelos earned his living by working for an advertising agency.

The Washington *Post* Book World singled Mr. Hijuelos out for "the breadth of his soul, the depth of his humanity and the precision of his guage on the rising sensibilities of his time." His new book, *Mr. Ives' Christmas*, a "beautifully written, tender, and passionate testament to the spiritual foundations of life and the human capacity for love" (Harper Collins Publishers), is a Book-Of-The-Month-Club Selection.

As in his other novels, Mr. Hijuelos sets his story, *The fourteen Sisters of Emelio Lontez O'Brien*, in the nostalgic past of the 50's, and he palpably evokes a sense of family rootedness.

The Chicago Tribune said of Mr. Hijuelos' Fourteen Sisters, "Nobody writes about sensuality, nostalgia, and matters of the heart more exuberantly the Oscar Hijuelos." Mr. Hijuelos has received critical

PHOTO BY KLAUS MOSER
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Oscar Hijuelos will read Thursday.

acclaim from The New York *Times*, The Washington *Post*, The Los Angeles *Times*, and *The New Yorker*.

He currently lives in New York City, in the same neighborhood that has been so influencial throughout his career.

RHC discusses blocking, seeks public comments

The Residence Hall Council (RHC) is in the process of reviewing its policies for the upcoming housing lottery. Presently they are discussing the pros and cons of blocking; in particular of large blocks of 10 or 12. The RHC seeks to promote these types of desirable living spaces. On the other hand, blocks tend to be the places (other than suites) where the most damage/vandalism occurs, and where the most infractions of College policy occur. In their meeting last night they took an informal vote on how people felt about the issue. RHC meets on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Brown Room of Bristol. Everyone is welcome. You can also email "ejackson" with your opinion on blocking.

Renowned journalist to give talk on biochemistry

Newsday medical writer Laurie Garrett, winner of the 1996 Pulitzer Prize in explanatory journalism, will give a lecture in the Science Auditorium on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

In her newest book, *The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance*, Garrett exposes numerous infectious diseases threatening humankind. Her discussion covers familiar viruses like malaria, AIDS, Marburg and Ebola viruses.

Writing for *The New York Times*, Michiko Kakutani called *The Coming Plague* "A sober, scary book that not only limns the dangers posed by emerging diseases, but also raises serious questions about two centuries of enlightenment beliefs in science and technology and progress."

Gospel Choir to give debut performance

The Hamilton Gospel Choir, under the direction of Rob Forte, will host a gospel choir extravaganza tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamilton Chapel. Admission is free and open to the public.

The concert will feature the debut performance of the Hamilton Gospel Choir. Also performing will be visiting choires from LeMoyne College, Syracuse University, Williams College, State University of New York at Stony Brook, the First Tabernacle Christian Center in Rome, and Payne's Temple in Utica.

Program Director Ruth Gardner said the concert is an effort to bring together colleges and local churches to praise God through song. She also said this is the first of what she hopes will be an annual extravaganza at Hamilton.

Phi Beta Kappa members for Class of 1997 announced

In recognition of their high academic achievement in fulfilling the goals and purposes of the College, the Hamilton College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has elected the following members of the class of 1997 to membership in Phi Beta Kappa:

Marc David Campbell
Jessica Lee Corr-Bolender
Christina Mosquito de Guia
Blair Livingstone Hotchkies
Mathew Lowell Kane
Timothy Lowell Koumiran
Amanda Justine Locke
Amanda Rochelle Locke
Batubay Hamit Ozkan
Monica Elizabeth Redstone
Christie Griffiths Reed
Sara Pia Shapiro
Matthew T. Swensson
Amy Churchil Taylor

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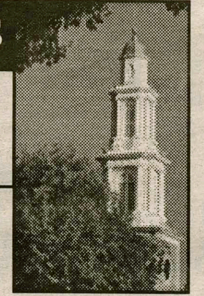


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

COMPILED BY AARON ARMSTRONG '00

At Johns Hopkins, Delta Upsilon is caught hazing

Johns Hopkins University officially suspended the Delta Upsilon fraternity as the result of receiving credible information that the group directed pledge activities that constituted hazing. The alleged incident occurred during the early morning hours of February 8, 1997, and is in violation of Inter Fraternity Council Policy. The suspension is in effect pending the outcome of disciplinary proceedings to be held in the near future.

In addition to the actions taken against the fraternity, disciplinary proceedings are pending against individual members of the fraternity alleged to have participated in the incident. The fraternity's national office has given the University its support for their suspension and has itself suspended the chapter.

The University takes hazing reports very seriously, according to Andrea Perry, special assistant to the Dean. "Incidents on other campuses have set the precedence for us to do so," she remarked. Suspension of a fraternity is considered to be like interdisciplinary action.

"The suspension is based on what we feel is a threat to the community. It serves to safeguard the community until a formal process, such as a disciplinary hearing, can take place," Perry said.

The suspension comes on the heels of a visit by Gregory Lamb, the Director of Fraternity Programs for Delta Upsilon International. On February 13, Mr. Lamb visited the Delta Upsilon Fraternity House at 2746 St. Paul Street, and met with University officials. The result of his visit was the suspension of undergraduate operations during the process of an investigation currently being conducted by the Board of Directors of the Fraternity Office.

"Right now we're waiting for the University to finish their investigation, and we are working in conjunction with them," said Mr. Lamb. "The purpose of my visit was to do some major fact finding and get to the bottom of the whole situation. Any allegations of hazing are taken very seriously here at Delta Upsilon."

Col. U. gets $860,000 to curb alcohol abuse

Alcohol is big business in Boulder. Last semester, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation granted CU $860,000 over the next five years to start a program entitled Learning the Boulder Way, which will fund a variety of alcohol abuse prevention programs. CU joins the University of Delaware, University of Iowa, University of Vermont, University of Wisconsin and Lehigh University in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's program to increase awareness of the dangers of alcohol abuse.

Learning the Boulder Way will use a Harvard University survey about students' drinking behavior as well as using some of its own surveys to determine the scope of the binge-drinking problem. In the Harvard study, CU displayed an unusually high level of binge drinking, which the researchers defined as five or more drinks for a man or four or more drinks for a woman in one episode.

"We promote responsibility, not prohibition," said Joanne Dodgson, project di. ctor of Learning the Boulder Way. Dodgson also plans to sponsor the Natural High program, which is directed by Gary Chadwick through the Student Recreation Center. Chadwick plans to feature many late-night activities as an alternative to drinking.

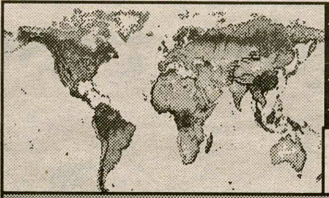
All-Events Night is scheduled for Friday at the recreation center. Activities include a puck-shoot, Frisbee golf, indoor climbing, drop-in aerobics and country dancing, as well as a performance by the CU Dance Club and demonstrations on kayaking and cycle maintenance. Students also will be able to dunk the UCSU Tri-Executives at the dunk tank. Free pizza and soda will be served.

Dodgson is working with the Greek community to raise awareness about the issue. This semester, the Greeks plan to work with the Housing Department and Learning the Boulder Way to bring speakers to campus.

Duquesne sororities sponsor cut-a-thon

The sisters of Gamma Phi Beta and Sigma Lambda Phi in conjunction with Health Services sponsored the second annual Cut-a-thon, Tuesday. Stylists, nail technicians and skin care specialists from the Pittsburgh Beauty Academy and local businesses donated their services for the day to help raise money for the Leukemia Society. For a $5 donation, students could receive a hair cut, a manicure or a facial.

WORLD NEWS



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Scientists clone adult mammal

EDINBURGH — In a feat that may be the one bit of genetic engineering that has been anticipated and dreaded more than any other, researchers in Britain are reporting that they have cloned an adult mammal for the first time. The group, headed by Dr. Ian Wilmut, a 52-year-old embryologist at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, has created a lamb using DNA from an adult sheep. Their achievement shocked leading researchers who had said such cloning could not be done. The researchers had assumed that the DNA of adult cells would not act like the DNA formed when a sperm's genes first mingle with those of an egg. Dr. Wilmut proved them wrong by successfully transplanting the DNA of an adult sheep's mammary glad into a DNA-less egg cell. The final product was a healthy lamb that is absolutely normal save that it is genetically identical to the sheep that donated the DNA. In the immediate future, cloning will probably have a huge impact on agriculture. For instance, cloning could be used to make multiple copies of animals that are especially good at producing meat or milk or wool. In theory the same techniques could be used to take a cell from an adult human and use the DNA to create a genetically identical human — a time-delayed twin. That prospect raises the thorniest of ethical and philosophical questions. As one medical ethicist put it, "The genie is out of the bottle." (N.Y. Times News Service)

China bids farewell to Deng Xiaoping

BEIJING — Packing the Great Hall of the People to its highest tiers, 10,000 of China's Communist elite bid a final farewell today to Deng Xiaoping, the country's last great revolutionary leader. "The Chinese people love Comrade Deng Xiaoping, thank Comrade Deng Xiaoping, mourn for Comrade Deng Xiaoping, and cherish the memory of Comrade Deng Xiaoping, because he devoted his lifelong energies to the Chinese people," Deng's handpicked political heir, President Jiang Zemin, said with a voice laden with emotion, dabbing his eyes during his eulogy. Tuesday's memorial was a solemn, austere affair out of respect for a family request to honor Deng's wish for a simple ceremony. Deng's ashes sat in a casket cloaked by the red Communist Party flag with its gold hammer and sickle, amid white flowers and evergreens. A smiling portrait of the late leader overlooked the gathering. During the memorial, police kept crowds away from Tiananmen Square, just outside the immense hall. Once allowed into the square, mourners swarmed onto the vast plaza, some to lay flowers on the Monument to the People's Heroes. Later that day, Deng's ashes were to be scattered at sea, at his family's request. (Associated Press)

Pakistan to restart talks with India

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's new Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif agreed Thursday to resume stalled peace talks with arch-rival India to settle the heated dispute over Kashmir among other differences. Sharif proposed that he and India Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda meet after preparatory talks by senior officials. In India a senior official said his government would respond "constructively" to Pakistan's offer. Sharif said in a letter to the Indian prime minister that foreign ministry secretaries of the two countries meet before the end of March to "prepare the ground for meaningful discussions" between the two prime ministers. New Delhi regards the whole of Kashmir as an integral part of India. But Islamabad wants the predominantly Muslim Kashmiris to decide in a U.N.-mandated plebiscite whether to join Islamic Pakistan or Hindu-majority India. The two countries have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947, two of them over Kashmir, two-thirds of which is ruled by India and the rest by Pakistan. (Reuter)

Ireland allows divorce after 76-year ban

DUBLIN, Ireland — Divorce became officially permissible in Ireland Thursday for the first time since the predominantly Roman Catholic country gained independence from Britain in 1921. There was no immediate rush by couples to end marriages, however, when complicated provisions of the constitutional amendment permitting divorce and remarriage after four years' separation came into force. Although some Irish citizens obtained divorces in other countries, such as Britain and the United States, most of those divorces were not recognized at home.

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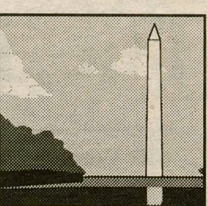

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Ex-paratrooper convicted of murder in racially motivated killings

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — A former paratrooper was convicted Thursday of murdering a black couple who were walking along a North Carolina street in what prosecutors said was a Nazi skinhead initiation. James N. Burmeister, 21, of Thompson, Pa., was convicted of two counts of first-degree murder and conspiracy in the shootings of Jackie Burden and Michael James on Dec 7, 1995. The murder convictions mean he could face the death penalty. Prosecutors contended Burmeister killed the couple on a dirt road near downtown Fayetteville for no other reason than because they were black—to earn a spider web tattoo as part of an initiation of racist skinheads at nearby Fort Bragg. While at Fort Bragg, Burmeister served in the elite 82nd Airborne Division. Following the murders, a probe at Fort Bragg found 22 soldiers, all white men, with ties or sympathies toward extremist groups. Nine of the 22, included Burmeister, Wright and Meadows, faced discharges or civilian or military trials. The other 13 received various punishments. (Associated Press)

Senate opens hearing on TV ratings

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The two-month-old television ratings system that critics complain is too vague gets congressional attention Thursday. A hearing to be held by the Senate Commerce Committee is the first since ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and some cable channels in January began carrying onscreen tags suggesting appropriate age groups for shows. Some parents argue that onscreen advisories such as TV-G or TV-PG don't provide enough useful information for parents trying to shield their children from excessive sex and violence. The six-tier system — similar to the one used for movies for 28 years — uses designations ranging from TV-G, program suitable for all ages, to TV-M, for mature audiences only. Each ratings category carries a content description. Most shows have been rated TV-PG, parental supervision suggested. Critics of the system say that its ratings are too vague and that the amount of time the ratings are displayed — 15 seconds — is too short. If the FCC finds the system unsuitable, it can move to appoint an independent advisory board to create a new system. The government cannot, however, require its use. (CNN)

Lincoln Bedroom guests gave $5.4 million

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Bill Clinton's guests in the Lincoln Bedroom gave a total of at least $5.4 million to the Democratic National Committee during 1995 and 1996, according to a study for CNN by the Campaign Study Group. Among the biggest donors were Clinton's investor Dirk Ziff, who gave $411,000; movie producer Steven Spielberg, $336,000; retired businessman William Rollnick, $235,000; and Hollywood mogul Lew Wasserman, $225,000. The CNN study found 24 overnight White House guests who gave $100,000 or more to the DNC. CNN's $5.4 million figure does not include money given to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, or any state party committees. On Tuesday, the White House released the names of 800-plus people who stayed overnight in the Lincoln Bedroom, and the president defended the practice of inviting friends and supporters to stay overnight. The White House also released several hundred pages of documents, some with his handwritten notes from Clinton enthusiastically supporting the idea. (CNN)

Eighth-grader scores 1600 on SAT

MONTGOMERY, Ohio — Nathan Herold first took the Scholastic Assessment Test when he was in the seventh grade, and scored a highly respectable 1,390. This year, as an eighth-grader, he aced it with a perfect 1,600. "I thought I might be able to get a better score," the 14-year-old said Tuesday. Nathan took the SAT again in January, one of about 112,000 seventh- and eighth-graders who take the multiple-choice test intended for college-bound high school students. Of the more than 2 million students of all ages who took it during the 1995-96 school year, only 545 earned a 1,600, said Tom Ewing, spokesman for Educational Testing Service. "It's unusual for a high-school junior to do it. So for a seventh- or eighth-grader, it's truly exceptional,' Ewing said. (Associated Press)

The Residential Life Study: Past, present, future

BY PETER N. GASTON '99
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This is the first in a series of articles exploring the first two years at Hamilton College after the Residential Life Study. The Spectator will be sharing the views of some of the individuals who are helping to shape the College in this transitional period. This week, we look back to March 4, 1995 and talk to President Tobin about the state of Hamilton two years later.

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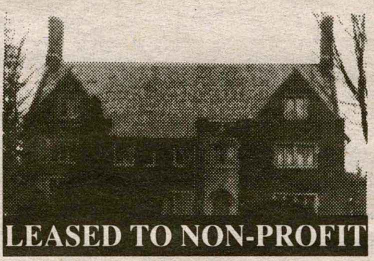
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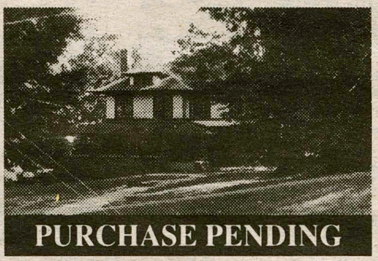
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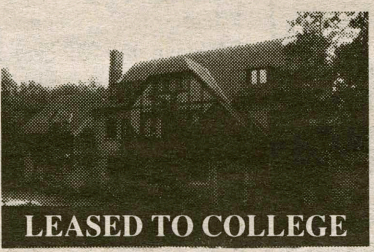
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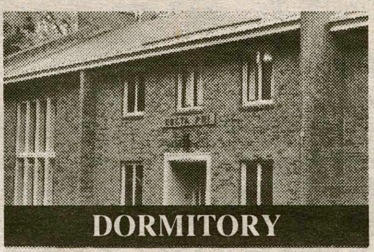
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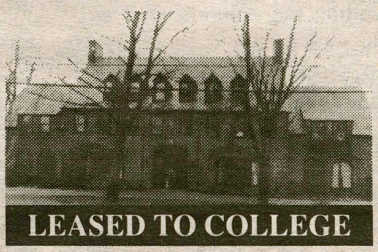
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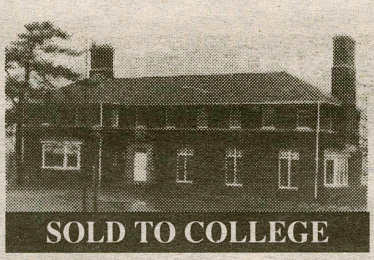
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On a weekend much like this one two years ago, the face of Hamilton College was altered forever. In an early morning conference on March 4, 1995 in Alumni Gym, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Kevin Kennedy '70, President Eugene M. Tobin and Chairman of the Trustee Committee on Residential Life Stuart Scott '61 announced the results of the infamous Residential Life Study.

The Board of Trustees had accepted the Committee's recommendations in a unanimous vote just one day earlier. In adopting the new plan, the Trustees set the College on the road to achieving the Study's fundamental purpose: "to enhance Hamilton's educational excellence." This objective could be reached, the Study said, with a greater integration of academic and residential life; equality of social and residential opportunities for students; and a rich variety of on-campus activities.

Despite these objectives and goals, March 4, 1995 is known among the student body as "the day they took the houses away." Central to the College's implementation of the Study was the closing of the private society houses on campus. At the time, 100 students lived in these buildings, and a large portion of the social scene depended on the activities taking place inside.

To compensate for the students who became "homeless" upon their return to Clinton in the fall of 1995, the College opened housing in the Delta Kappa Epsilon house, 3950 Campus Road (formerly Theta Delta Chi), Saunders House, Root Farmhouse and in the renovated Griffin Road apartments.

Some claimed that the Study sought to eliminate private societies from campus, but the administration pushed onward in its attempt to bring the campus together into a thriving academic and social community where all students had equal access to housing and social opportunities. Campus administrators teamed with students to prepare for the "new Hamilton" by designating areas as social spaces and drafting regulations for use of such facilities.

Policies outlined in the Study were not intended to stand alone. The administration began to lead the entire campus through "a larger, long-range planning process" intended "to further clarify the College's mission, improve its quality and broaden its reputation as an excellent institution of higher learning," as the Study stated.

Two years later, Hamilton College is still learning to live under the vision of a "unified institution" that was set into motion two years ago. Societies are beginning to regroup and redefine their role on campus now that the houses are closed. Mid-level administrative units, such as Residential Life and Student Activities, are working to implement the Study with the input of the community, particularly the students. Finally, the administration, with Tobin and the Trustees at the helm, is overseeing the College and its progress.

According to Tobin, the initial success of the Study can be seen through news coming from the Admissions Office. "If you judge change by the improved quality of the applicant pool and the students matriculating here, we have results to point to," he said. "The statistical indices [from Admissions] reflect a commitment on campus to connect academic and residential life. I think we're succeeding in this effort."

Tobin points to one of the central characteristics of the Study in this statement: the academic life of students and faculty should be continued outside of the classroom, be it in residence halls or dining facilities. The College had considered a program where faculty members would be living in student residence halls, but interest was limited from both students and faculty, according to Tobin. "We understand that there are times where people need their own space," he said.

The "common meal" is another program designed to bring academics to the greater campus. As this publication has stated in the past, the "common meal" has not been effective, and Tobin attributes this in part to a lack of dining halls that are conducive to student/faculty interaction. As a result, Soper Hall of Commons will undergo the first stage of major renovations this summer. When all is completed, Commons will contain smaller dining rooms and better acoustics that will make it a better place for students and professors to meet.

Tobin has been more than pleased with the rise of Cafe Opus as a meeting place on campus. "Creating a friendly meeting environment is essential to the Residential Life plan," he said. "I applaud Cafe Opus. It appeals to a wide variety of community members, and its success speaks directly about student-oriented activity that can take place here."

While residential options may be under consideration, many wonder where societies stand on campus in the eyes of the administration. While Tobin does not see any change in current Residential Life policy regarding society houses, he is "pleased that societies remain a vibrant element in College life."

Regarding the allotment of facilities for the societies, Tobin said, "I think that the College will entertain requests from the societies for secure, more spacious spaces. We will take such proposals under serious consideration, especially when student interest [in societies] stays the same or increases.

"The societies have a need to meet and to have confidentiality, while keeping in mind that all Hamilton students require equity in the use of social spaces," he said. The Office of Student Activities, especially through the help of Director Beverly Low, will continue to support the needs of societies, Tobin said.

Regarding off-campus living, Tobin emphasized that the campus should be the center of life for the student body.

Another objective expressed in the Study was the creation of small-group living units (SLUs), or residential sites "that meet students' interested in smaller, more home-like living spaces, with access to a kitchen." The initial ventures into SLUs are Rogers Estate, Saunders House and the former TDX house.

While the Study suggested that the College attempt to purchase private society houses, it stated that residential spaces would be constructed should houses not become available. However, the College has purchased Delta Upsilon and TDX, and the purchase of the Chi Psi Lodge by the College is awaiting approval from Chi Psi alumni. These actions indicate that Hamilton is indeed actively pursuing ownership of the houses.

Tobin feels that the push to acquire the houses is due, in part, to the success of SLUs. "They are a wonderful way for us to provide close living situations and the benefits students care most about," Tobin said. "These residential options are among the most exciting living options at any undergraduate liberal arts college in America."

Tobin did not deny that the College would like to take possession of the remaining houses, stating that they would provide these SLU-type of living options, and that he hopes the College will have the option to purchase. Two houses are also being considered for academic use, but Tobin would not name the exact facilities in question.

SLU living has not been a total success at Hamilton. At TDX, residents receive some meals through a "satellite dining" program where meals are delivered to the site. Tobin feels that this program needs additional evaluation, adding that kitchen facilities, an improved Commons and the residential setting may be sufficient attractions for students.

The administration is just one component of the "new Hamilton." The Offices of Student Activities and Residential Life are at the front lines, trying to accommodate the objectives of the Study and student needs. First and foremost, however, are the students themselves, the individuals who are at the heart of the Residential Life Study of 1995. Next week, this series will focus on students and their perspective on College policies stemming from the Study,

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Elders tells of Washington escapades in Chapel address

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Born in Arkansas, Elders was the eldest of eight children and the first in her family to attend college. Because of a scholarship from the United Methodist Church, Elders was able to attend the Philander-Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas. After graduation, Elders entered the United States Army and trained to be a physical therapist. She attended the University of Arkansas Medical School and holds a master of science degree in biochemistry.

Before being appointed Surgeon General, Elders was the Director of the Arkansas Department of Health under then-Governor Bill Clinton. She was nominated in July of 1993 by newly elected President Clinton to the position of Surgeon General.

Much controversy surrounded Elders while she was in office, for many found her beliefs on health education radical. Elders was not reluctant to talk about her resignation. She stated that if she were to do it all again, "I would do it exactly the same."

"Even if you don't agree with her views, you have to admire her for saying what she believes in and not backing down when challenged," said Megan Robinson '00. Elders encouraged the students to speak up for themselves and not to be afraid to ask questions.

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In addition to giving lectures, Elders is a pediatric endocrinologist. She works at the University of Arkansas Medical School, dividing her time between the classroom and the clinic.

Many students said they enjoyed the lecture and found Elders to be personable and humorous. She often made jokes and John Morrell '00 found her talk to be "more like a conversation than a speech."

After receiving a standing ovation from the crowd, Elders entertained questions from the audience. Question topics ranged from health care to her personal experiences in medical school.

After the lecture, a reception was held in Dwight Lounge where refreshments were served. Students and faculty were given the opportunity to talk to Elders in an informal setting.

Elders thanked the Office of Minority Affairs, the administration, the students, and the entire Hamilton College community for hosting her. She stressed the importance of Black History Month in the hopes that it will help the nation realize the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr.

High cleaning costs reveal faults in social spaces planning system

From Costs, page 1

twice for cigarette butts and cups. Physical Plant submitted a bill for 21 hours of work that totalled $245.22 for one night's event.

"I don't see how, when we got Bundy back to decent condition, with all except for mopping, that they could take 21 hours to finish the job," said Gammill in an interview, Tuesday.

Gammill also mentioned that on Nov. 16 alone, Physical Plant charged roughly $656 to clean North Court, Bristol Hub, and Bundy Dining Hall.

But cleaning Bundy's 4,352 square feet after the onslaught of a party is undoubtedly a trying task. "But how trying is it?" ask many student organization leaders.

"Our job is to clean the space and bring it back to the condition that it was in before the event started," said Assistant Director of Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge. "I guarantee in my billing that low cost is there, but it's still a lot of money."

> **GETTING CLEANED OUT?**
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> **70%-80% of charges for party clean-up are for mopping, a service that students themselves are not allowed to perform.**
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> **Over 3 months, Phi Beta Chi accumulated over $1300 in clean-up fees.**

Cleaning the floor in the Bundy Dining Hall involves flooding the entire area, running an auto-scrubber, and hand mopping at least once. In addition, bathrooms are often left in deplorable condition, according to Hawkridge, and restoring the facilities is a painstaking task.

Phi Beta Chi is not the only group to question the efficiency of the current arrangement between Physical Plant and the Office of Student Activities. The remaining 11 societies and the InterSociety Council owe close to $4,000 for this year alone.

"I'm not saying the system is perfect," said Hawkridge in an interview, Wednesday. "And I'm not saying that the people putting the time down are one hundred percent accurate every time they do something."

But several college officials maintained that the social spaces system itself is the true source of this financial crisis.

"When we opened the social spaces, we did not anticipate that the cleaning costs would be so big," said Low. "Its clear that we need to rethink the cleaning procedure."

"The overall problem is with communication about what we're supposed to clean, what we do clean, and what we get charged for not cleaning," said Delta Kappa Epsilon Social Chair Devon LaDelfa '97.

Holding social functions has to an extent become an exclusive privilege for groups with the financial resources to pay the current cleaning rates. "The use of social space is dictated by who has the money to pay for the social space," said Hawkridge.

The College does not subsidize Physical Plant's budget, according to Hawkridge. "It is not my job to absorb social space costs for groups," he said. "Somebody has to subsidize the large spaces that are being used."

But the idea of the Residential Life Decision was to provide equal access to social spaces for all students. Several committees are currently trying to solve the problem, and negotiations with Trustees will continue throughout the weekend.

Career Center helps dedicated alums prolong the spirit of service

By Mara Whalen '99
Career Center

This is the second article in the Career Center Alumni Series. Like the first, it focuses on Hamilton alumni who are currently involved with the Career Center. The purpose of this series is to publicly acknowledge the gracious involvement of past Hamiltonians in the lives of present Hamiltonians and recent graduates.

The Czechoslovakian writer, Milan Kundera, proposes that within each of us there is a specific memory that is triggered by the gestures, words, and actions of others, and once these symbols are logged into this memory, those people are placed into a realm of minor immortality. In other words, they are made immortal by those who knew them; their existence distinguished from the existence of most.

Sarah E. Kemp '88 has had an enormous impact on both colleagues and Hamilton students. As the Assistant Director of the Asian Division of the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service within the Department of Commerce, Sarah is now working in Thailand. Her career path has been intriguing and inspiring to say the least.

At Hamilton she worked as a Peer Counselor for two years and as an intern for one summer. Upon graduation, Sarah went to Hong Kong and China to further enhance her interest in East Asian studies. When she returned to the U.S. she worked full-time at Columbia University in the International Affairs Department and eventually earned her Masters Degree in International Affairs at Columbia. She then worked with Chinese lawyers at the International Exchange, a legal institute, in both New York and Washington, D.C., and continued to travel to Asia.

The quality that distinguishes Sarah most from other people is her desire to help others get started in their careers. As Dr. Eugene Roche, Director of the Career Center, said, "Wherever Sarah was, at every step, she would call the Career Center and say, 'I'm here, if anyone needs help, have them contact me." Without a doubt, she is very anxious to assist others for no other reason than pure generosity.

At the Career Center, her name comes up in reference to Hamilton's Alumni Career Exploration Program (ACEP) and the ways in which alumni are helping students and young graduates find success in their professional lives. It isn't possible to speak with her directly because of her current position in Thailand; nevertheless, her giving spirit remains an influential presence through the recollections of others.

Extraordinary, wonderful, extroverted, and committed are all words that repeatedly arise to describe this woman. In speaking with Rhonda Bent '95, an assistant in the fund raising department at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, it is easy to understand the significance of Sarah's commitment to others' careers.

In December of 1994, Sarah was contacted by Rhonda who was in pursuit of an internship. With the help of the Career Center and following some discussion between the two women, all plans were finalized and Sarah was on the road to helping another student.

Over the course of Rhonda's internship, Sarah sought to implant her own ideology regarding professional relationships within this young student. Using herself as an example, Sarah made clear to Rhonda to "always play fair" and to provide help when and where it is needed. "Sarah always thinks before she acts," explained Rhonda, "She often refers to the notion of what goes around will eventually come around." These lessons successfully promoted a set of morals that Rhonda was not expecting to find in the professional world.

Sarah reinforced the importance of humility and teamwork necessary to build and maintain healthy professional relationships. One occasion that Rhonda clearly remembers is the day when Sarah told her, "Everyone here is a glorified secretary." Sarah never considers herself above those below her in the professional hierarchy; there is always time to answer the questions of others. Much of her advice to Rhonda focused on persistence in following one's goals, but it also revolved around the ideas of patience and understanding.

The importance of interacting with people in hopes of establishing and maintaining contacts is another important component of Sarah's attitudes towards forming healthy professional relationships. Rhonda explained that Sarah is motivated to help others understand this idea because "others have gotten her where she is, and now she believes that it's her responsibility to help others." For Sarah, it is all give-and-take.

Listening to Rhonda it is easy to understand why Sarah has become her mentor. Each day her interaction with Sarah provided new lessons and revealed how one could push boundaries yet continue to achieve. Thus, unbeknownst to her, Sarah has placed herself in a realm of immortality in the eyes of Hamilton's Career Center and the students who walk through its door everyday.

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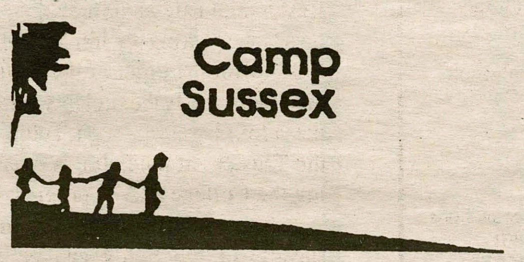
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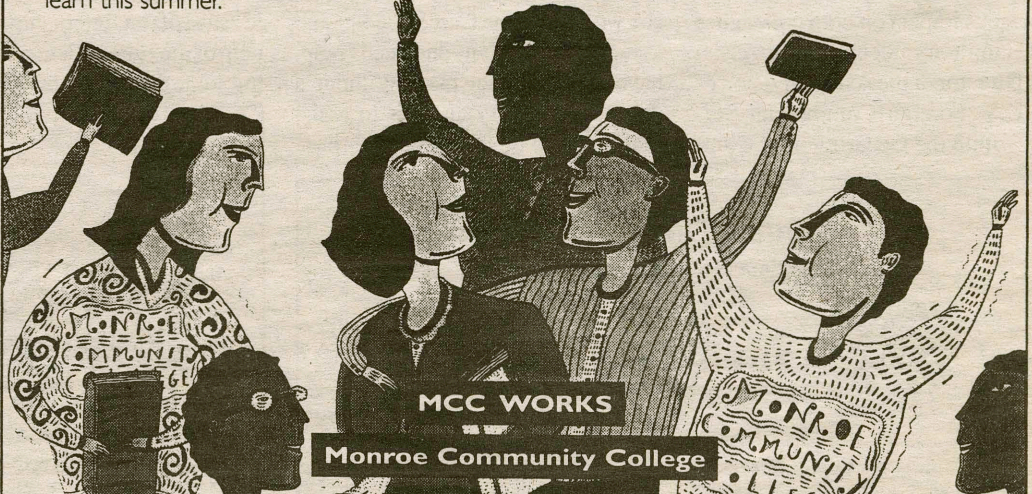

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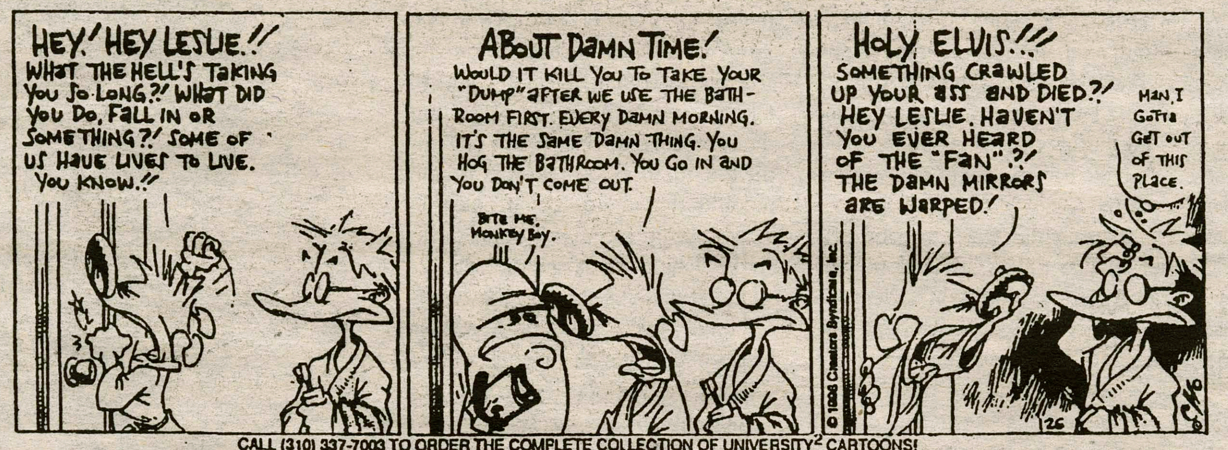

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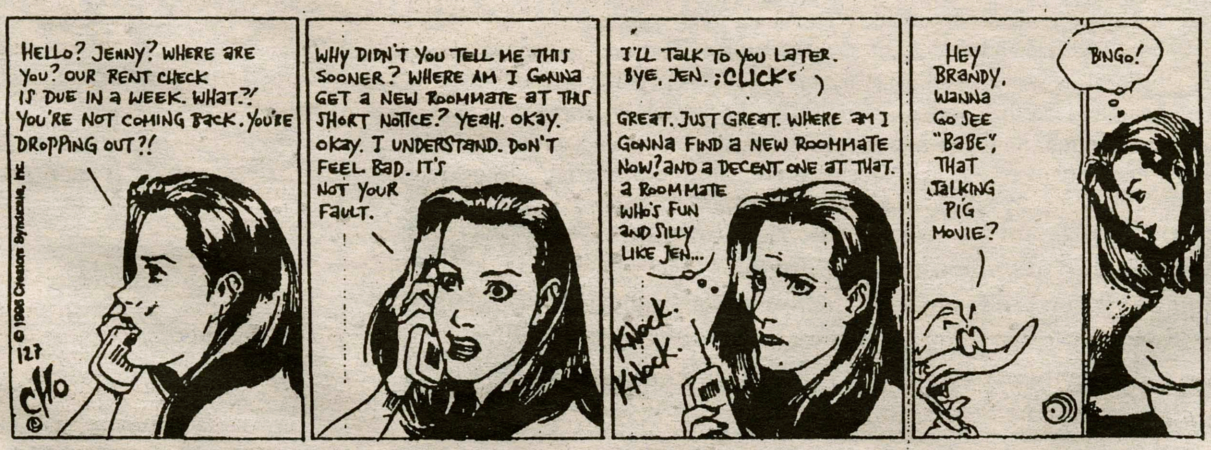

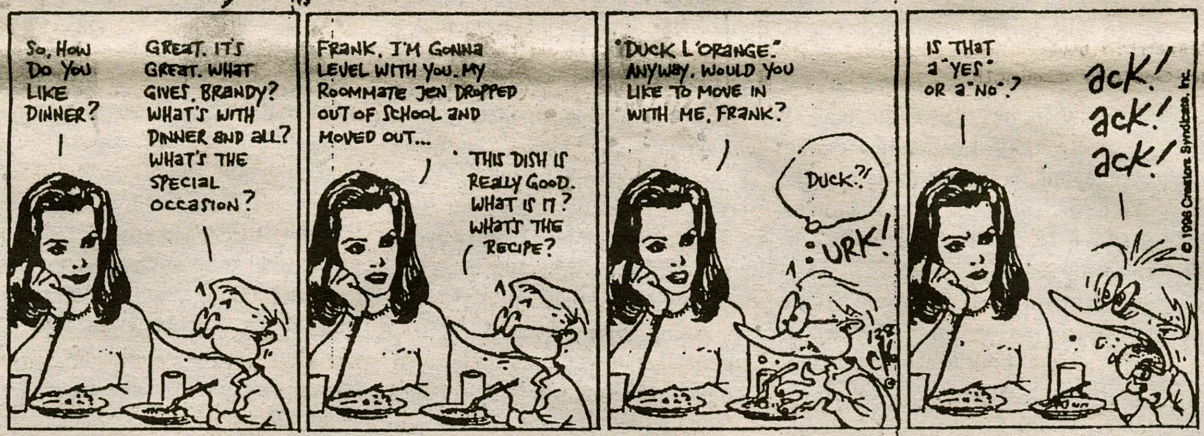

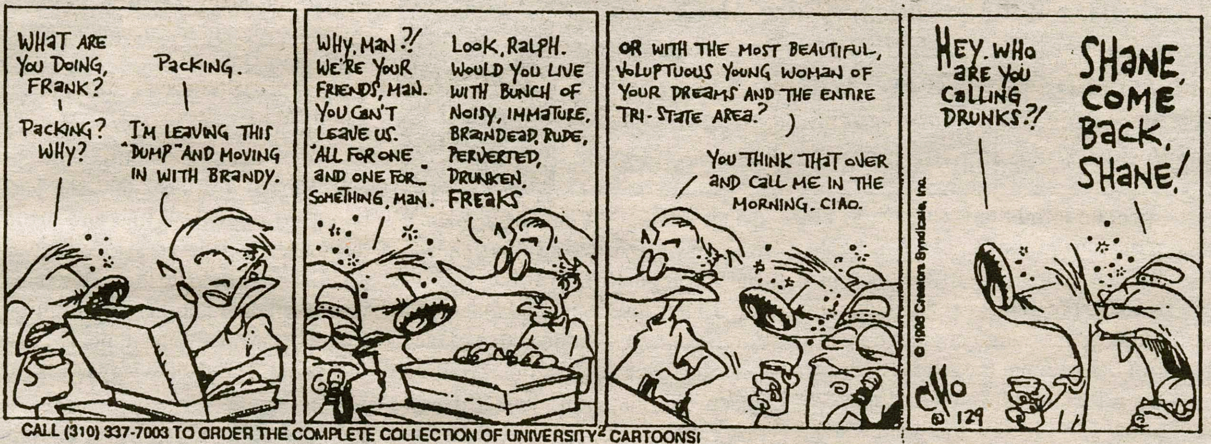

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Taking closer look at the words of Dr. Joycelyn Elders

By Matt Kane '99
Features Editor

Former Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders wooed a sizable crowd in the Chapel Wednesday night. Speaking in a cautious southern drawl that has clearly been watered down over the years, Elders lit up the Chapel with laughter during her speech. She used her casual sense of humor to grab the attention of her audience, but quickly turned to serious matters.

Elders spoke on a wide variety of topics, from her own upbringing to her sudden dismissal as Surgeon General, and of course masturbation.

The Spectator was not only able to attend the speech, but also to conduct a short one-on-one interview with Dr. Elders during her media time.

Dr. Joycelyn Elders' visit to Hamilton is news enough, but her words are another story altogether. In listening to or speaking with this warm, humorous woman, it's easy to see how she made it from poor, rural Arkansas to one of the most visible positions inside the Beltway.

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Former Surgeon General Elders lit up the Chapel Wednesday.

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Among the most touching stories shared Wednesday night was her own story. She was born dirt poor in post-depression Arkansas. The eldest of eight children, Elders was one of the first members of her family not only to attend college, but even graduate high school. The importance of a good education was stressed however, from an early age. First and foremost among the many wisdoms she says her mother gave her was that before you were to enter the real world, "you have to put something in your head."

She received a college scholarship from the United Methodist Church at the precocious age of 15. Her scholarship gave her the chance to attend college, but, unfortunately didn't leave her with enough money for bus fare to school. She and her siblings picked cotton to raise the $3.80 she needed. Earning $.40 for every 100 lbs. they picked, it took days of back breaking work to raise enough funds. It was at this moment that Dr. Elders decided that if anyone in her family wanted to go to college, she would make sure that they had enough money to do so.

Upon graduation at 18, Elders entered the United States Army as a physical trainer. Using the money from the G.I. Bill, she prepared to enter Medical School upon her discharge. Dr. Joycelyn Elders, who hadn't even seen a doctor until her freshman year in college, became the first black woman to attend the University of Arkansas Medical School.

Elders' speech was the culmination of Hamilton's "Celebrating Blackness Month," and she offered some inspirational words regarding the struggle for equality in society.

She recalled the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who, in her mind, eloquently laid out the dreams of black people throughout America. Elders lamented, "dreams are something that happen when you are asleep. We have to wake up to realize these dreams."

During the Q&A session after her speech Elders advised an African-American Hamilton student who wanted to know how she dealt with race and gender bias in the sciences as a student that the only way to combat these biases was to stick with it, and to get her degree. She recalled that she didn't really have to deal with these prejudices until entering medical school, but that she never let the snide remarks or slights get to her. She related the story of one of her professors who, during her senior year, told her that she had "as much education as a lot of white people." Elders simply responded, "Doctor, I have more education than most of white people."

Dr. Elders has several grave concerns as to the state of our society. Among the biggest of these is the state of health education in our country. She continually told the audience that "we are a health illiterate society, and that's got to change."

"We've got to educate our people, and we've got to start early. We have to have health education in grades k-12," Elders said during our interview.

When asked if she would like to see the role of Head Start expanded to help educate children at a very young age, Elders had this to say, "Oh absolutely. I think for every dollar that's spent on Head Start, we save $14 by reducing the number of young people that are in prison, a 50% reduction in teenage pregnancy, and reducing the number of young people who get in trouble with the law. So all this, yet we refuse to educate children. We know they are 82% more likely to go to college, 36% more likely to finish high school [when enrolled in Head Start]. Not many of us make $14 for every dollar we invest. It makes no sense, what we do. We don't mind paying for prison, but we don't want to pay for education."

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Dr. Elders also advocates some form of universal health care coverage. She says that she is confident that we will put together some type of package that will guarantee coverage. She regrets that the U.S. is one of just a very few developed nations which doesn't guarantee care for all its sick.

Clearly the former Surgeon General wants more government involvement in health education and prevention programs, but she has a unique view of the government. "We can't keeping saying 'the government.' We have to start saying 'we.' We are the government," Elders told the crowd.

She also challenged all voters to take a more active role in selecting their representatives. When one audience member asked her if she thought that there was a place in Washington for a politician who spoke their mind as she did, she responded that she thought the representatives in Washington had their hearts in the right place, but that they were only doing what the people who voted for them wanted. It is up to us, she said, to make sure that those who represent what we believe in are elected.

Elders also stops short of blaming the government for the nation's problems, even though she clearly feels it isn't going far enough. When asked by one reporter in she put any creedence in the claim that the CIA was instrumental in introducing crack to the inner-cities, she declared, "I hope that it's not true, I can't accept it. I don't believe it. I don't have any facts, but I can't. I hope it's not true."

Dr. Elders also sees teenage pregnancy as a problem that looms large on society's horizon. She sees a lack of education at the core of this problem, but also cites some basic psychological developments. "The mean onset of puberty used to be 17. Now it is about 11 years and eight months, and it drops about four months every ten years," she said. "Their bodies are ready before their minds."

Along with education, Elders submits that prevention is the way to combat problems such as these. She recalled telling pro-life members of Congress that "I've never seen a woman who needed an abortion who wasn't pregnant."

Elders also remarked that it was comments such as these that earned her the nickname "the condom queen." To that she replies, "I'd wear that crown to bed every night if everyone in America who needed to use a condom used one."

Much of Dr. Elders' speech dealt with her tenure as Surgeon General, as well as her relationship with President Clinton. When asked if she still corresponded with the President, she said, "No, I don't communicate with the President, but then again, a lot of people don't communicate with him."

She went on to say that she held no ill-will towards the President. In fact Elders revealed, "I always say, the only thing I can't forgive Bill Clinton for is signing the Welfare Reform Bill."

However, when asked during our interview if she would do the same thing that Clinton did if their roles were reversed, Elders said, "No I wouldn't. I wouldn't have fired me. I really would have kept me on because that job is a controversial position, and what you are supposed to do is keep people aware, on their toes, and even if they disagree with you, they have to listen to you. And so that means that they are going out and doing something about it. You aren't supposed to go out and try to do everything as Surgeon General, you are supposed to stimulate other people to go out and do things. And so if I was making people react, and getting mad or whatever they were going to do, if everybody was trying to make a plan to get things done, that's all I wanted done. I don't care how you get it done."

As to her stint as Surgeon General, Elders was clear that she harbored no regrets. Time and again during her interview sessions she was asked if she would do things the same way if she had another opportunity, and time and again she indicated that she would. "I did it the way I thought it should be done," she said simply.

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When pushed, Elders elaborated, "the Surgeon General is not the President's Surgeon General, and not Congress' Surgeon General. It's a four year statutory appointment, independent of whomever is in office. The Surgeon General is the people's Surgeon General. You should use the bully pulpit to take the scientific insight to the people."

One of the more amusing moments of her speech came when she talked about the masturbation issue. She explained that while at the U.N. on World Aids Day, she was asked if she thought that masturbation could help to slow the spread of HIV, particularly in certain African nations where the AIDS rate is 30-40%. As is her usual style, Elders responded honestly without thinking about the consequences of her candor. She more of less said that she could see that working somewhat.

Elders was quick to note that at the time none of the 500 or so reporters in the U.N. that day seemed to bat an eye. However, soon after the day an article in *U.S. News & Reports* came out that said she might be a problem for the Democrats because she always spoke her mind. To her this is just another example of how things can be taken out of context and blown out or proportion.

"Someone later said that I said we should teach children how to masturbate in school," Elders recalled. "Now anyone with any common sense knows that's crazy. You don't need to teach anyone how to masturbate. Remember, 90% of men masturbate, 80% of women do it, and the rest lie."

Among the wisdoms that her mother taught her, one clearly stands out as the mantra Dr. Elders live by. Her mother once told her, "the day that you see the truth and fail to speak is the day you begin to die."

Throughout her incredible life, Elders has seemingly never deviated from those words. Perhaps that is the most important message that she had to offer to those who heard her speak..

Cigar mogul rebukes *Cigar Aficionado*, sits down with *The Spectator*

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He entered the clothing industry at age seven. By the time he was ten he had made his first million. At 15 he had a harem of six supermodels and was a pop star in Europe. Forrest Gump? No, it's part time Hamilton student Lars Tetens, founder and proprietor of Lars Tetens Phat Cigars.

Lars, now 33, lives 20 minutes north of Utica and has already lived a life that most only dream of. He is currently studying art under the tutelage of Bruce Muirhead in Drawing 101 here at Hamilton and can be seen frequenting Cafe Opus puffing on one of his Phat cigars. Two Saturdays ago, we had the opportunity to catch up with this enigmatic man in the interview which he denied to *Cigar Aficionado*.

The sartorially eccentric Lars entered the traditionally conservative cigar industry in a characteristically unorthodox manner. Born in Manhattan to two of the only four white members of Black Panthers, Lars entered the business world at the tender age of seven. At an age when most of us were learning arithmatic and playing in the sandbox, Lars was busy managing his newest line of Halloween costumes. By age nine, he owned his first clothing company, pulling his first million dollars a year later.

At 14, he entered the upper echelons of the fashion industry, moving to New York City, the fashion capital of the U.S. While working in the clothing industry, Lars became a third partner in a casting agency, and subsequently broke into the music scene by age 15 with a pop hit in Europe, working under pseudonym "Boy."

> "Do you have any idea what it's like to have six supermodels in your bed at one time? --Lars Tetens"

"Before there was Boy George, there was Boy," chuckles Lars.

The true benefits of fame, however, were reaped back in Manhattan. "I was weak," complains Lars. "I had this problem back then; I just couldn't say no." Through his contacts in the fashion industry, Lars accumulated a bevy of six supermodels, and lived with all of them concurrently in his apartment in the City. "Do you have any idea what it's like to have six supermodels in your bed at one time?" Lars asked. Quite frankly, we didn't. "When you have six supermodels in your bed at once, they're all having their periods at the same time," lamented Lars.

Though we had trouble believing such a claim, it was in fact his harem that enabled him to enter the cigar industry. "In my late teens, I had these six women following me around New York. This eventually led to invitations to Wall Street parties, because the businessmen wanted to see the girls."

It was in this more conservative setting that Lars discovered the art of hand rolling cigars. Though he smoked his first Cuban cigar at the age of nine, and had been enjoying them ever since, it was not until then that he considered entering the business.

"During the 80's, when cigars were unpopular, and good cigars were hard to get, these Wall Street businessmen were hiring their own cigar rollers. Carlos Fuente got his start this way," Lars explained. After learning about cigar rolling and the tobacco industry, Lars went on a twelve year buying spree, stockpiling tobacco at a time when doing so was regarded as foolish. "Like a gambler, I got compulsive," he said.

The eccentric Lars continues to be a maverick in a very conservative industry. He founded Lars Tetens Phat Cigars in the late 80's, incorporating the cutting edge of fashion and the fine tobacco he has been stockpiling for years. Little did he know that cigars would make such a comeback in the 90's.

Today, his Phat Cigars are enjoyed by smokers worldwide, including the likes of President Bill Clinton and basketball star Dennis Rodman. His line of cigars is extensive - his signature Short Phatty and Brief XTC are among the most popular - and are among the most expensive on the market today.

To the traditionalist, Lars's cigar line may seem too "Gen-X," but to the true cigar aficionado, his cigars are among the best.

When we asked Lars about his relationship with the recognized authority on the cigar industry, *Cigar Aficionado*, he replied, "Marv Shanken [editor of *Cigar Aficionado*] is a f**king whore, and you can quote me on that."

Today, Lars Tetens Phat Cigars are sold worldwide, yet their base of operations remains near Lars' abode twenty minutes north of Utica. Lars admits his business-sense shortcomings and proudly claims that the business end of his company is run by women.

Two particularly prominent women, Musachi Sonne and Tesshu (both named after famous Japanese samurais) operate the day to day business while adding their own flair for the eccentric in their own respective lines of cigars. When asked about his unusually desolate place of business, Lars replied, "I can't stand the city, [New York] and I wanted a quiet place to play my music."

On the subject of his music career, we had the unique opportunity of viewing several music videos of Lars's band—one of his many side projects. Lars entered the music scene in Europe at the age of 15, but now he has his own rap/metal/"acid" band in the United States, singing songs like "Nuget" and touring the Northeast region.

What else does this guy do? To start with, Lars owns his own free boxing training center in Rome for urban residents as well as for his own workers. Lars has trained in martial arts and boxing for most of his life and despite having his own personal facility still claims, "I need to lose weight." Throughout his fighting career, Lars has trained several top ranking boxers, including Mike Tyson. He claims however that "Tyson hits like my sister."

Photo by Julie Losauro '99

Our intrepid writers sat back and smoked a stogie with a pair a millionares in Cafe Opus.

On another more intellectual level, Lars is also an accomplished artist, painting works that sell for several thousand dollars and hang in the offices of such celebrities as Dennis Rodman. Lars enrolled at Hamilton in the hopes of increasing his technical skill as an artist.

We ended the interview extinguishing our Churchills and asking Lars about any other college background he had. He replied, "The only reason you go to college is for sex and drugs, right?" Now that was something we could relate to.

FACES IN THE CROWD | SARA SCHONFELD '99

By Shauna Wreschner '00
Features Writer

To those students who don't know Sara Schonfeld '99, she may seem reserved and quiet; pretty much your average sophomore. However, to those who do know her that is obviously untrue. Sara is an active, outspoken individual, who has accomplished a great deal by the second semester of her sophomore year.

Sara currently serves as the student coordinator for the Hamilton College chapter of Hillel, the director of "College Buddy" section of the Oneida-Lewis chapter of Best Buddies International and as a teaching assistant for Professor Franklin Sciacca's 100 level Russian course.

Sara became involved in the Hamilton Campus chapter of Hillel in her first year on campus. She consistently attended events sponsored by the Jewish organization and began getting to know the members. As she continued to attend events she slowly took on responsibilities throughout the year.

When the former coordinator graduated last spring Sara took on that responsibility. Recently a planning committee of interested students has been working with Sara to help plan and put on events.

Some recent events have been Wednesday "Jewish Movie" nights in ELS, consisting of movies written by or starring Jewish producers, writers and actors. Hillel holds services on the holidays as well as seders. Hillel also holds Sunday Bagel Brunches and Shabbat dinners on friday nights on a bi-weekly basis. Although Sara hopes to spend the next year abroad, she plans to continue her involvement in Hillel throughout her time here at Hamilton.

The activity that Sara is most proud of is her involvement in the "Best Buddies International" program. This program consists of students becoming "buddies" with an adult who has developemental problems. Although the program exists in Greece and Canada, it takes place mostly in the US.

In the Oneida-Lewis chapter Hamilton students are matched up with adults in the former ARP (Association of Retarded Citizens) now the group for Advocacy and Services for People with Disabilities.

Sara signed up last fall and continued to meet with her buddy Roberta. When Beth Collins '98 left this year to go abroad, she asked Sara to take her place this year as director of the Hamilton half of the program.

Although the "buddies" will meet as a group occasionally for a night of games or arts-and-crafts, usually the students and adults will meet individually. Sara and Roberts have taken day trips together on weekends as well as going to the mall and concerts on campus. They also speak on the phone and exchange holiday and birthday gifts.

Along with some of the other participants, Sara and her "buddy" also attend an integrated weekly dance class in Clinton together. This class is sponsored by a grant from the former ARC.

Sara also serves as a Russian teaching assistant to the students of Professor Franklin Sciacca. Sara was asked to become a teaching assistant at the beginning of last semester. She has been taking Russian since her first year in highschool and has recently applied to spend her junior year abroad in Russia.

Sara is truly enjoying her time at Hamilton; especially the time she spends helping other outside the Hamilton community. As she said, "I really like the classes I take, but I love having the opportunity to hang out with my "buddy." I feel it gives my life another dimension, and more insight which I enjoy and feel fortunate to have."

Photo by Ritu Monga '99

Sophomore Sara Schonfeld is extremly active on and off the Hill.

SCUBA class sees through 'window to the world' Monday nights

Students take advantage of SSI SCUBA course offered on the Hill

By Kristen Holderle '00
Features Writer

Every Monday night from 8-10 p.m., Hamilton college students take a break from their studies and go SCUBA diving. Instead of going to some tropical island in the Caribbean, however, they do it right here in the pool, where Russ Golly, an instructor from a dive shop in Syracuse teaches them the finer techniques of SCUBA diving.

SCUBA stands for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus, and it is a sport enjoyed by many who want to discover the other world that lies under the surface of our oceans and lakes. It was developed by Jacques Cousteau, who referred to it as the "window to the world."

Cousteau developed this technology around the time of World War II. The first SCUBA divers were quite understandably Navy Seals. As the technology was improved however, the diving lost some of its macho image and gradually developed into a recreational sport enjoyed by men and women of all ages.

The class that is offered here at Hamilton is something like those offered at a lot of colleges in upstate New York by certified instructors like Golly who travel to different schools to teach the art of SCUBA diving. For about two hundred dollars, about half of what it would cost to take the course elsewhere, students receive a textbook, beginning equipment, lessons, and an opportunity to practice the techniques that they learn.

The course lasts about eight weeks, and counts as part of the physical education requirement that students need in order to graduate.

At 6:00 on Monday nights, the ten students enrolled in the class this semester meet in the classroom of the third floor of the Science building where they are instructed on the technicalities and specifics of SCUBA diving. They study dive charts that are put out by the Navy in order to learn how to read and understand them.

These dive charts are important because they determine that rate at which one can ascend to the surface, taking into account variables such as time spent underwater and at particular depths.

> "People get more injuries skiing each year than they do diving.
> -- SCUBA Instructor Russ Golly"

Along with the equipment needed for the course, students also receive a small log book which they are supposed to carry with them every time they dive. This book contains the necessary charts, and divers refer to it before beginning a dive. The book also charts every open water dive that a diver has logged, and which level of certification they have successfully passed.

Many SCUBA divers now use a small computer that is attached to their equipment in order to gauge the depth, remaining air supply, and preferred rate of ascension. However the instructor of this particular class feels that it is important for the students to understand how the charts work. This understanding is very important in order to stay safe when diving.

After the lesson and taking the weekly quiz, it is time to go to the pool and put the things that they learned to practice. At about 8:00 p.m. they trek down to the pool, load the equipment from the van to the pool deck, and quickly change into swim suits.

The first class, students spent the majority of the time working with snorkels in order to get used to breathing underwater, a sensation that is difficult to get used to at first. By the second class they began to use the regulator, first in the shallow end, and later in the deeper water.

One key concept that they are learning to deal with now, is the issue of weightlessness underwater. Ideally, SCUBA divers want to become naturally buoyant, which means that they don't rise or fall when underwater, but instead, are able to float just inches above the bottom, unmoving.

Some compare the feeling to the closest thing to being in space, because their bodies are totally weightless.

One of the things that is highly stressed in these classes is safety. In the diving practices, they always imagine the worst case scenario, and learn ways to avoid and escape such situations. They learn "buddy breathing" in the case that they run out of air. Each person has two regulators, one attached to their tank, and another attached to their Buoyancy Control Unit (BCU), so that if one person runs out of air, they can get assistance from another diver until they are able to go to the surface.

There are also a lot of hand signals that divers have to learn in order to communicate with each other underwater in case there is some sort of emergency.

Another area where they concentrate is on learning to ascend from the deep water back to the surface. Divers have to take special care not to ascend to quickly, or they will suffer from "the bends," a condition which results when nitrogen bubbles accumulate in the blood and causes pain in the joints, tightness in the chest and in severe cases, can lead to collapse. In order to avoid such situations, the divers learn only to ascend a little at a time.

Constantly breathing is also important when underwater. It is necessary to keep breathing regularly to make sure that all of the oxygen is exhaled after each breath.

Because this is not offered as a graded class, there is no homework or papers to write. Each week a new chapter is assigned from the text book, with a quiz on the reading each week, but most of the learning is done in the classes and diving sessions rather than individually. At other schools, such as Syracuse University, people who take this SCUBA course are required to write term papers and take exams in order to fulfill their requirement. Here, however, the atmosphere is much more relaxed and fun, and the students have a great time.

The only major assignment is a final written exam at the end of the semester. Student must pass with an 80% before that officially pass the course.

Also at the end of these classes, the students have six months to complete five open water dives in order to get their beginning SCUBA certification. This type of certification allows them to dive down to 66 feet.

Certification weekend is probably the hardest part of the SCUBA course. Students must complete all tasks laid before them in the five dives.

There are many different levels of certification that can be reached with additional instruction, as well as some special areas of SCUBA such as ice diving, wreck diving and night diving.

The students who take this class seem to get a lot out if it.. The experience of breathing under water is supposed to be one of the most exciting sensory experiences one can have.

The biggest obstacle to truly enjoying the class is getting over the fear that usually engulfs many beginning divers. Golly takes great pains to make it clear that SCUBA diving, if done correctly, is a virtually risk-free endeavor. "People get more injuries skiing each year than they do diving," he is constantly telling his pupils. Each year, as the technology gets better, diving gets safer and safer.

Taking this class is not only a fun way to fill the phys. ed requirement, it is also something that will be useful for people when they go on vacations. "Most of the people who take the class fall in love with it. It's impossible not to," one student said, and it opens up a whole new world with new and interesting things to explore.

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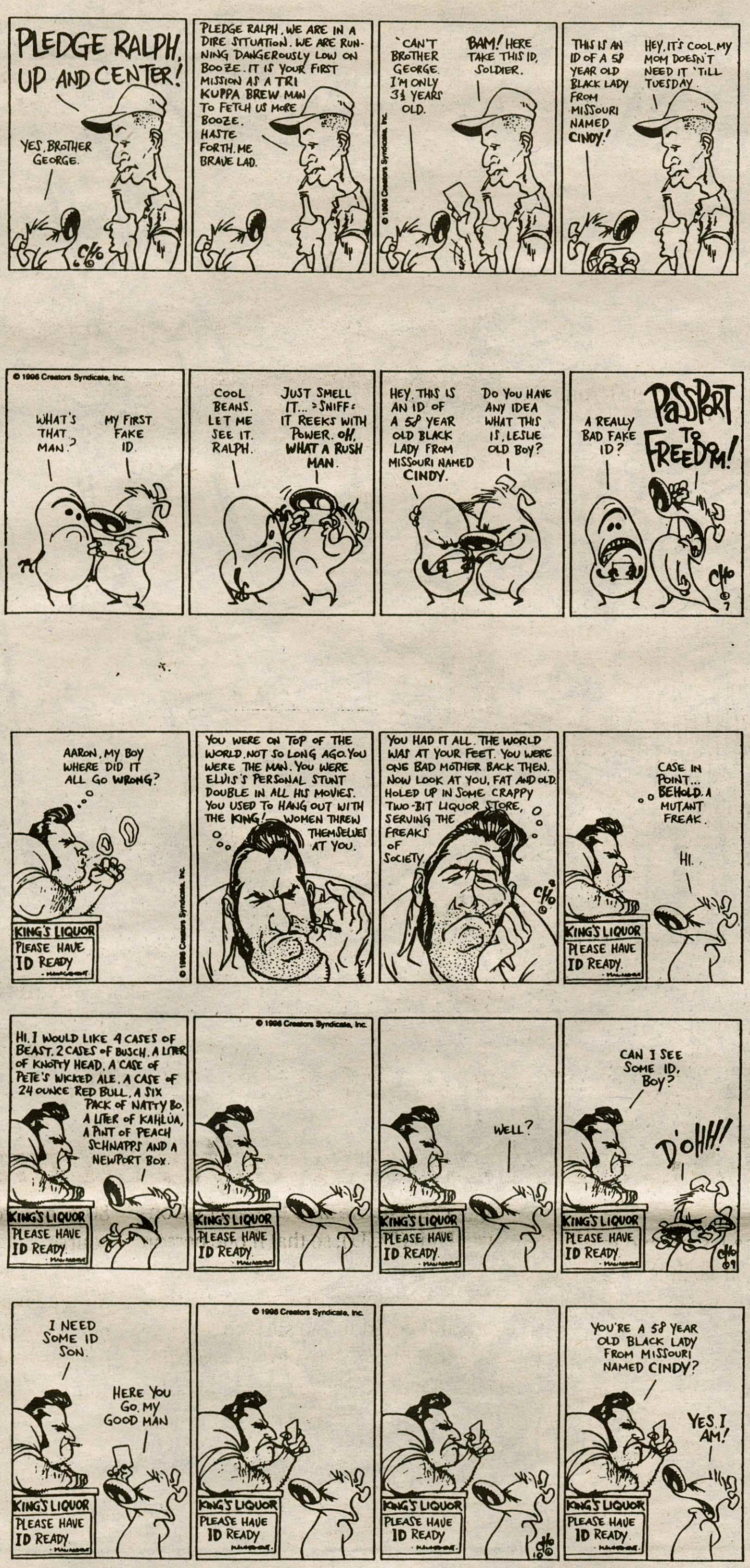

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"Who __?" (knock response)
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"__, *Brute?*"
Hockey great Bobby
Flightless bird
Texaco rival
__ worse than death
German surname starter
Navigation aid
Weather-map line
Seed covering
Wager
Theater grp.
Landed, as a trout
Slammin' Sammy
Traveler's stop
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46 Confound
47 Army bunk
48 Hair goo
49 Jacob's wife
51 Cruise game
56 Make happy
59 Hurler Hershiser
60 Waikiki party
61 Radio and TV
62 Camera eye
63 Faucet fault
64 Cutlass or épée
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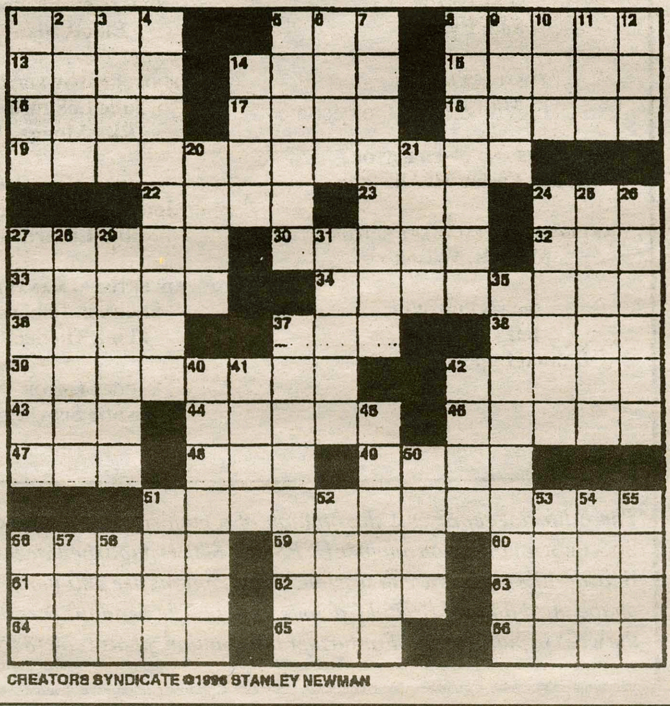

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—Basar Gozukirmizi '98 referring to a physics experiment.

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—Eric Hermann '98

PERSONALS

Happy Birthday Roomy!! Go Parador!! Hockey man loves you!!

To the Chosen One-
You're the king, baby. I love hot peppers on Monday. Wait for me before you cross the bridge. No one else has the resources or the ability that you do.
-The Upper Tray

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EDITORIAL

Embracing our future

For the past two years, this weekend has been a time of turmoil on this campus. The springtime arrivals of the Board of Trustees to the Hill have been times where anger and confusion have been mixed with optimism and pride. Two years ago, a Saturday morning meeting in Alumni Gym marked the debut of a new era at Hamilton as the Trustees and the administration unveiled their vision for the future. Change is not simple to accept, especially when the objectives of the changes were in conflict with the beliefs of a significant portion of the community.

Last year, Trustees were met with a disgusting display of drunken vulgarity mixed with a dedicated but disorganized mob of student protesters. Chants rang out to reverse the Residential Life decision, to give back what was taken away. Did those of us standing there on that sunny March morning truly deserve any respect from the powers that be? Did we truly know what we wanted, or were we still trapped in an idealistic and unattainable dream?

The time has come to settle down and face reality. The objectives of the Residential Life Study are being implemented at Hamilton College right now. There were positive times in the past, and those of us who were able to enjoy them will always cherish the memories and the experiences. Without a doubt, a significant part of the history of this institution came to a close on March 4, 1995.

Now we must take a step back and look around at the changes occurring at this college, and we must define our own roles in the "new Hamilton." We should realize that we are being offered a tremendous opportunity to essentially reconstruct a new community, one that holds the past close to its heart while embracing the future. There are individuals on this campus who are truly dedicated to the task at hand, and that task is to make Hamilton our own environment. The administration is seeking our help and our input, and we should offer it gladly.

This is a transitional phase for Hamilton College, and it certainly is not easy to be a student here at this time. Many new ideas are being set into motion. Some may succeed, and others may fail. We spend a lot of time criticizing the failures, and perhaps not enough time lauding the successes. Despite what some may believe, the College is in a flexible mode of operation, not one that is stagnant and oppressive.

Step up to the plate and make this place your own. There are limitless possibilities for the future of this school, and we can start to make the most of them right now. We can do things that will be out of reach when we leave this sheltered environment, and we have a College that is willing to help us accomplish our goals, both inside and away from the classroom. Many have already answered the call of duty. More organizations are becoming visible components of the community, and more activities are taking place here than ever before.

Many thought that everything had come to an end. It is only just beginning.

Irresponsible criticism

Last Sunday a flyer attacking Director of Athletics and men's basketball coach Thomas Murphy, and Vice President of Administration and Finance Daniel O'Leary graced the dining hall tables. The flyer appears on page 13, and dubs Murphy as "the king of apes," and accuses O'Leary of having a fetish for watching the women's cross country team run on the golf course in tight running shorts. It also states boldly that Murphy makes more money than "the best professors at this institution of higher learning."

The author(s)'s argument may or may not possess a measure of validity. Hamilton students are taught to question the status quo, to fight for their beliefs. If a community member perceives a situation to be unjust, it is that individual's responsibility to bring the problem to light.

Crowning Murphy the "King of Apes" and labeling O'Leary as a sexual predator are libelous accusations. The author(s) may have brought an important matter regarding salaries to the attention of the public, but when such outlandish methods are used, the argument loses credibility.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of this incident is the fact that the flyer was unsigned. The salary figures of employees of the College are available to the public, and if the author(s) wanted to present a well-planned and respectable argument, they could have easily done so using real data as opposed to unfounded claims.

Awareness should be raised through the proper channels. *The Spectator* challenged the author(s) to defend the flyer's accusations on our pages through an e-mail message sent to the entire campus and a posting in *The Daily Bull*. We reminded readers of the anonymity guaranteed for confidential sources by Federal and New York State law. As of Friday morning, not one individual has responded.

Ideally, Hamilton is a community in which we are secure enough to express our beliefs and possess the moral integrity to abide by the standards of constructive criticism.

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LETTERS TO•THE•EDITOR

Will gender equity ever exist at Hamilton?

To the Editor:

What if Mr. Steven Frank and Mr. Thomas Murphy were not head coaches of football and basketball but instead coaches of women's cross country? I could only imagine. A few weeks before school begins in August, the members of the team arrive on campus and embark upon a rafting trip. We cannot forget that they will most definitely travel via Utica/Rome Bus Tours, not some shabby school bus.

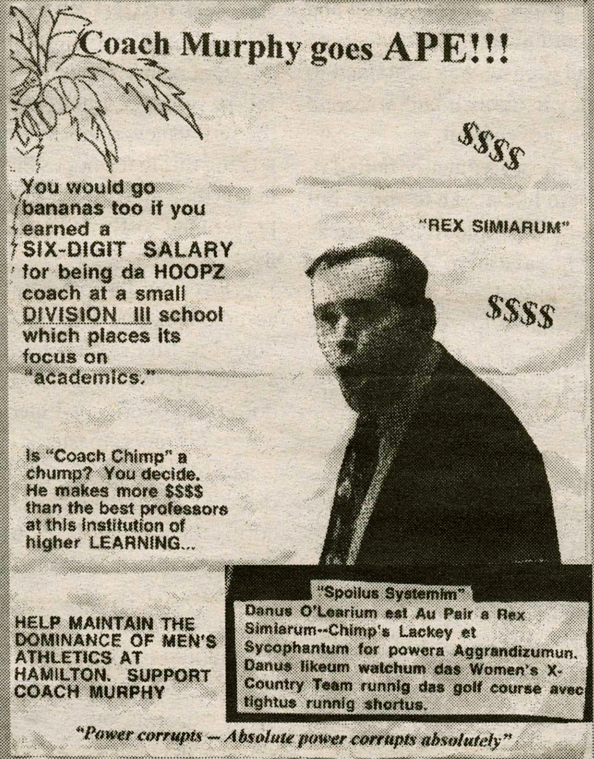
During the season, the Women's cross country team would have a practice course entirely separate from the course reserved for meets, which contains a specially-mixed mulch imported from Washington state. Whenever the team practiced, no one would be allowed on the golf course, since this would adversely affect their training and mental preparation.

Over fall recess, the team would travel to Zimbabwe for the African National Invitational and would later travel to Atlanta to compete against the US National distance runners. Of course, we must not forget the meals they receive. Not including the steak dinners, Women's cross country reserves half of McEwen about three times a year for private engagements.

And what about the off-season? Even though NCAA rules forbid Division III athletes to participate in off-season training, it would seem slightly awkward for the entire Field House to be shut down while the women's cross country team practices on the treadmills.

We all know this would never happen, and I stress never. I propose this hypothetical situation only to show that equity among genders, among various athletic teams, and among students will most likely never exist at Hamilton. I don't say this because I am giving up, but because those in power won't allow this to happen. Sure, we have all seen the committees do this or that, but we have yet to see tangible progress.

I am not writing this letter simply to protest, either. The opinions expressed in this letter both explicitly and implicitly are not just mine: they are many, perhaps most, of the student body's beliefs. Instead, I write this letter in attempts to spark a real discussion of these issues, and others. I dare those in power to take their committees out of their back rooms and make an active effort to solicit the attitudes and opinions of all members of the Hamilton community. This doesn't mean sending out mass mailings or e-mails or advertising a forum. If you are serious about soliciting input, seek it out. Go after it, and don't expect it to come and find you.



Over last weekend, this flyer was circulated on dining room tables. It made certain allegations against Director of Athletics Thomas Murphy and Vice President Dan O'Leary. These letters addressed the issues brought to light in the flyer.

By writing this letter, I would also dare those considering other issues, such as curricular reform, to rise to this challenge. Lack of communication and narrowmindedness are not limited exclusively to the Athletic Department. They permeate through most, if not all, facets of Hamilton.

Only through discourse and deliberation can we reach sufficient conclusions, and these conclusions can only be reached if all effected parties are involved.

Andrew Edelson '97

In defense of Coach Murphy's career in Hamilton athletics

To the Editor:

Although I was not responsible for writing the flyer about Coach Murphy, I thought that I would respond to you to let you know how disturbed I was by the nature of the flyer.

First of all, Mr. Murphy does not receive the generous salary that he does only for only being the basketball coach. He is also the Athletic Director, and is a member of numerous campus organizations (like the gender equity committee), as well as many other organizations having to do with basketball and also having to do with being the athletic director that exist all over the country. Throughout his years at Hamilton, Mr. Murphy has been instrumental in getting an equal amount of men's and women's sports (13 for each gender), and was responsible for getting women's ice hockey a varsity status this year.

I feel that Mr. Murphy completely deserves the salary that he receives as basketball coach and athletic director. He has been at Hamilton for twenty-five years, and has spent most of that time in his office trying to raise money for the athletic program, as well as traveling all over the country recruiting and increasing the awareness of what an excellent athletic department that we have here at Hamilton.

Mr. Murphy works tirelessly for the benefit of all the athletes at Hamilton, and I think that whoever took the time to make the flyer does not know anything about Coach Murphy or what he does for the athletic program. Instead of making the disturbing flyer, I wish that the perpetrator would come forward to you and to Mr. Murphy so he could explain to them that he has the Hamilton Community in his best interest.

I also have to tell you that I know Mr. Murphy on a personal level, and I have found him to be one of the most dedicated and respected administrators at this college. I have a very hard time saying that about any of my professors that I have had at Hamilton since I came here three years ago. And one more thing... he is an extremely approachable and friendly person, which I believe are two characteristics that make him such a good coach and athletic director.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I hope that if you do write an article about Mr. Murphy, you will speak to him directly about all that he has done for Hamilton athletics, and all that he continues to do on a daily basis.

Hillary O. Hayes '98

Reevaluating NESCAC

To the Editor:

As an avid follower of hockey, I have become very upset in the recent weeks. As you may know, playoff season is upon us and for a few weeks the Hamilton men's ice hockey team will be working hard to give Hamilton a good showing in college hockey. Unfortunately their progress is hindered by a organization known as NESCAC. According to NESCAC rules, teams may only compete in ONE post season tournament. Thus, Hamilton must choose to participate in the ECAC East league tournament, or opt to wait in hopes of going to the NCAA national tournament.

Given that in the latest polls, Hamilton was ranked fifth in the East, it would not be guaranteed an NCAA birth, so the team decided to participate in the ECAC tournament. If they won the tournament and Norwich lost early on, it would be possible for Hamilton to compete on a national level, except for NESCAC, which prevents them. Given that Hamilton now participates in the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association (UCAA) in most sports, why do we still cling to NESCAC, even though it hinders our sports teams.

Hamilton says, "Fundamental to the academic and athletic philosophy at Hamilton is the belief that the College must support fully each student's attempt to achieve his or her full potential. Therefore, membership in a national academic conference is as equally celebrated as competition in a national sports championship." Does an extra two weeks of play really hurt academics? And if a national sports championship is as important as academics, why do we prevent ourselves from winning one?

NESCAC stands for NEW ENGLAND Small College Athletic Conference, so what is a New York school doing there anyway. I think we should "be leaders, not followers," and drop the yoke of NESCAC and show that we can still be a top ranked school and truly compete on a national level in sports.

Rob Flint '00

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Gynecologist at Rudd unnecessary

To the Editor:

I wonder if Ms. Rasin is interested in whether or not the College offers urological medical treatment to its male students? Maybe the school should provide an endocrinologist as well to treat the "swollen glands" I used to use as an excuse on Monday mornings. How about a proctologist to care for all the people who are described impolitely as the part of the anatomy treated by those respected and necessary members of the medical community. I've got it...along with the gynecologist, Hamilton should provide a cuticologist to treat cuticles and nails that become dry and brittle, especially during the winter months.

I am hardly a sexist. I have two daughters of whom I am most proud, a beautiful and loving wife, and a dog who doesn't lift her leg. I am also practical. I think maybe Ms. Rasin and whoever else is in need of specialized medical treatment should be able to find it locally without a great deal of difficulty. Time to grow up a little. You're about to graduate.

Randy Johnson, P'00

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LETTERS TO•THE•EDITOR

Student responds to previous letter

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to an article in the February 21, 1997 issue of *The Spectator* written by Sandra Cepeda '97 and Leoni Smith '97.

I truly sympathize with the concerns of women regarding rape and sexual harassment. I believe that all a man has to do to gain sensitivity toward the topic is imagine how he would feel if his sister, girlfriend, daughter, wife, mother, or friend were raped or sexually harassed. These are terrible crimes, I believe largely a result of the "objectification" of women that unfortunately permeates our society. Furthermore, I support thoughtful, compassionate efforts to heighten awareness about the corrupt nature of actions that violate a woman's self-respect. Nevertheless, I am disappointed that Hamilton College students (who are supposedly taught at an elite institution how to think critically and see both sides of an issue) would suggest that "hard evidence" should not be necessary to punish or expel someone from school.

"Innocent until proven guilty" is one of the monumental principles upon which our government rests. History demonstrates the evil that can arise when we, as a society, deviate from this ideal. Two examples that quickly come to mind are the Salem Witch Trials of the 1600's and the McCarthy Red Scare of the 1950's. Innocent lives are ruined when a society loses its patience for procedural fairness. A defendant has the right to be initially presumed innocent, whether the defendant is accused of stealing a pack of gum from the local newspaper shop or, in Orenthal James Simpson's case, taking the life of another person. The assertion of Ms. Cepeda and Ms. Smith that "hard evidence" is not needed in instances of rape and harassment violates one of America's most sacred (and, I must say, worthy) traditions.

I am not so foolish as to think that our judicial system is perfect. Clearly, it is not. However, in an imperfect world run by fallable human beings, our judicial system is best we could hope for.

Robert W. Nichols III '97

Message to students: fires in dorms pose dangerous threat

To the Hamilton Community:

This is just a brief letter to remind you not to take fire drills lightly. As a consequence of my under estimation of these drills I have researched fires at Hamilton.

There are several ways fires can start. The most frequent fires have been in trash cans. Fortunately, such fires have not gotten out of hand. These fires may seem to be harmless, but they put many people at risk. Another common fire on this campus is caused by cigarette butts.

Only a few years ago a student was smoking and left his room, leaving his cigarette on his mattress. The mattress caught on fire and turned his entire room ablaze. Fortunately no one was injured and the fire was contained to his room. This fire was foolish and a second thought would have prevented it.

Fire alarms are most frequently pulled in Dunham. It may seem like a joke to some, but it poses a threat to those people living there as well as the people who save them. As a result of the fire alarms being pulled, people think they are a joke and stay inside. When you hear a fire alarm and stay inside you are taking the chance of your life. Granted, the chances of a fire are minimal, but if it is a real fire you may not live.

The likelihood of a fire is not an impossibility here at Hamilton. There have been fires, but luckily no one has been seriously injured. The majority of fires have not been serious, however, there was one fire that took place in Bundy West Residence Hall in September 1991. The fire originated from faulty wiring in room 129. The fire engulfed the whole room and caused damage of $20,000 to the student's belongings.

His computer, stereo, and CD's were melted, the carpet was burnt, the paint peeled off the walls, and the windows were blown out. Only the metal frame to his bed was left. Luckily the student was away for the weekend. The room's thick concrete construction kept the fire from spreading to other rooms. However, the adjacent room only suffered soot and water damage from the sprinkler system. As a result, the fire displaced 20 students from their rooms for a few days.

The Bundy fire could have been avoided. Only a week prior, the same student in the same room received a burn from a shock from the socket that caused the fire. The student reported problems with the outlet to security, but security told him to not use the outlet and call physical plant later. Unfortunately, the student waited too long and the fire was the result.

Often fires can be prevented by taking a moment to think. Most campus fires are a result of students being careless. Some of the things that cause fires in the residence halls are careless smoking, overloaded electric sockets, halogen lamps that are too close to drapes and/or shades, burning candles, and hanging tapestries on the ceilings covering lights.

When I asked Jason Newmark '98, how can we prevent fires, he responded, "Fire marshals cannot do everything for us on this campus. At times we have to take the responsibility upon ourself and find the fire marshal in each of us."

Once again, please don't take fire alarms lightly. You will never know when it is a drill or the real thing. For your own safety and the safety of the Hamilton community evacuate your room immediately and follow correct fire alarm procedures. Finally, know Hamilton fire policies. Your life could count on it.

Mark Burlingame '98

Leaving building during fire alarm could save your life

To the Hamilton Community:

Out of my concern for the welfare of my fellow students, I thought it imperative to bring the seriousness of dormitory fires to light. I am writing this in the hopes that at least one person hears me, and does what he or she can to prevent the costly and sometimes deadly infernos.

Fires are not predictable and are not uncommon. If you look in your room, you are bound to find several hazardous items which can lead to certain disaster. This demon can be born from overloaded electrical outlets, cigarettes, hot pots, toasters, candles etc. For instance, did you know that many colleges have made the use and mere possession of candles in dorms illegal? Well it's true. Although I feel that to be extreme, some administrators feel it necessary. They figure that if students are not responsible enough to respond to alarms, then they should be treated as such.

Do you evacuate for every fire alarm? Many students don't. We have all lived in dorms where false alarms are set off numerous times a week. Some respond to them, like Tim Digiulio '98 who comments, "fires are very frightening to me. Once when I was a child I burnt my finger on a little match. That really made me realize how vicious fires can be, so I evacuate every single time." However, not all students have had such early leaning experiences, and for many years their first encounter is their last. When you don't evacuate right away, your R.A. or hall fire marshal is then put at a risk to once again attempt to get you to vacate your room. Know that by not evacuating you put not only yourself at risk, but others who may feel a certain responsibility for your life, even if you don't.

Hamilton College may have had only one fire in the past decade or so, but that shouldn't mean you should think it is an impossibility to happen again. The fire was started by a faulty electrical outlet, which is not as common as fires caused by a student's negligence. How many students have witnessed, or actually put a cigarette butt out in a soda can? I know I have numerous times. So believe me when I tell you that that caused a pretty severe fire on another campus.

At the Europaeifka Feriskolan (EF) International Language School, a student extinguished his cigarette in a soda can in his room, and left to watch television. *This improperly extinguished cigarette sparked a fire in Ege hall that sent three residents to the hospital for smoke inhalation, caused $65,000 to $70,000 worth of smoke and water damage, and displaced 30 Edge residents for 6 weeks.* Gonzo Satiz, the R.A. in the dorm, luckily spotted the smoke and notified the fire department. If not for Satiz being in the right place, at the right time, this fire may have been able to consume more of the dorm, and possibly some students.

Almost all fires can be prevented if we simply take the time to think. So please take a look around your room and find those potential hazards and be aware of them: whether it is a candle by the wall, an overloaded outlet or even a chain smoking roommate, find them and stop them. Most importantly, show some responsibility and respect your life, and those lives around you.

Glen Peter Manjos '98

Student responds to Lilienthal column: on campus housing just as good as off campus

Editor,

This letter is in response to Mark Lilienthal's column last week (2/21/97), "Value of off campus housing." While his article was effective in pointing out the importance of off-campus living for upper-classmen, there is a line that sticks out that I contend is dead wrong. The line that I am referring to states, "Lastly, and most important, the downtown living experience gives students the independence and maturity that cannot be matched while living on campus."

This is a very pointed opinion, if not slightly pompous. Not every senior—either financially or by means of accomodations—has the opportunity to live off campus. For those seniors who do, I do agree that living downtown entails a definite independence and responsibility gain. But that does not mean that those students who live on campus cannot gain the same maturity or independence. In my belief, it takes a lot of maturity for an upper-classman to accept the fact that he or she cannot live off campus and to deal with his or her living situation. From this acceptance, the value of daily interaction with fellow students is gained.

I do not in any way object to off campus housing, for if I had the opportunity I would have done the same. What I object to is Mark's belief that because he can pay electric bills with his parents' money or cook his own meals, that makes him more mature than students who do not. Therefore, again quoting from Mark's column, maybe "before one slanders, one should praise."

Community responds to member's illness

To the Hamilton community,

We are overwhelmed by the response in our effort to assist Judy Abel in her struggle with dialysis and accompanying illness. Judy has worked for Hamilton for 13 years, most recently in the Interlibrary Loan Office. She is a Horizon student having entered the program two years ago..

We continue to receive contributions and we wish to thank all of those individuals who have donated thus far. We hope many more of you will find it in your hearts to help one of your own during this very difficult time for Judy and her family.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Joan Wolek
Ginny Davis

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The days of nevermore: losing touch with friends of the past

MARK GRANOVSKY
BARELY BREATHING

I had an interesting experience over Winter Break. It was a cold and still day in January. The kind of day where the hours drag and nervous anticipation of the semester begins. During this languid time at home, I decided to call an old friend from high school.

Life is a series of memories and I remember the first time I met Dan. It was a sixth grade health class. This awkward young man sat next to me and introduced himself. Beneath the shy persona was a world-class smile and a killer personality. He felt comfortable around me. Over the next few years, our friendship grew. As children of New England, Cape Cod was our playground. I remember the barbecues in Harwichport and the beaches in Orleans. During these lazy summer days, our conversations ranged from dreams to girls to baseball. We were all-American boys and I thought our friendship would stand the tests of time.

Dan went away to boarding school and we stayed in touch that first year. I planned a trip into Boston to begin the summer. It was the first Tuesday in June and I remember it like it was yesterday. Newbury Street and Tower Records were on the agenda. He would return and everything would be the same as before. I was wrong.

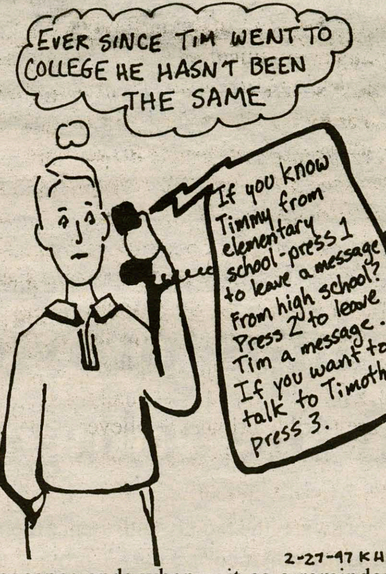
My old friend was shy, this new one was reserved. A shy person would please you if he could. That used to be him. A reserved person does not want to please you. That described the new him. The old Dan was friendly, this one was aloof. Worse, he had an elitist streak that he was unafraid to display. As our afternoon progressed, I tried to act like nothing was the matter. A friendship does not last for five years to be shattered in one day. I said nothing and the trip mercifully ended. He said he would give me a call in the next couple of days. He never did.

Through connections and time, I learned that he attended Princeton. Knowing that men's basketball played Princeton at the end of January, I figured I would try to relive the past. I thought it might be fun to see the game and meet him to rekindle an old friendship.

I called his mother and received his dorm number. I spoke with Dan's roommate and explained who I was. I gave him my phone number and figured that Dan would call me back.

He never did. Did he forget who I was? Did he not want to call? Did he have better things to do? Probably all three. When I made the call, I had a feeling that this might happen. Yet I like surprises and this could have been one of them.

I am telling this story for a reason. Dan is the sort of person who has the world at his fingertips. Yet, he lacks class. What do I mean? Class isn't wealth or elitism. It's refinement. Class is bringing people up, not tearing them down. Class is manners and willing to help when asked. It's accumulating points with friends and thinking beyond your important little world. When I knew him, he was never good at these things. Not staying in touch was probably for the best: I learned once on that fateful day who he really was and didn't like it. This phone call simply reaffirmed my old thoughts.



A certain innocence ends when you lose a good friend. We define ourselves by the friends and family we keep. When that certain person is gone, a piece of our identity is gone. I remember Billy Joel singing "Life is a series of hellos and good-byes." He described in a lyric what it took me years to learn. I could feel bad about what transpired, but it was a situation out of my control. A trip into Boston was not going to bring my friend back.

After the period of silence, I looked at different photos. One sits in a corner of my room. It consists of Dan and I grinning at the camera like Otter and Bluto in Animal House. I thought of discarding it, but decided to keep it instead. I look at it as a reminder that people are not always genuine. The friendship lasted only five years, but the lessons I learned will be with me forever. This photo captures the days of nevermore. I remember giving Dan a copy and I began to wonder if he might still have it. What do you think? You're probably right. And so it goes.

Rampaging Rooney returns to the Hill: preposterous protection

BEN MINTZ
GREY MATTERS

A few months ago, I wrote a column about the shady Rooney Protective Agency physically assaulting a Hamilton student. I remember it as if it were yesterday; security wore grey, we wore blue. I remember my disbelief at seeing a student struck and thrown against a metal railing on account of his "attitude." Most of all, I recall the ending: there was no lone security service waiting for the last train out of Utica. Despite a clear wrong, Rooney continued to monopolize our business.

Well, as they say, those who do not learn from the past are condemned to repeat it. Such was the case with our community and the Rooney Protective Agency.

The incident began at a party in the always exciting Bundy Dining Hall. In the corner of a foyer, a male was harassing a women. He had the crying individual pinned against a wall and as she would attempt to leave he shoved her back in place. Another party-goer witnessed the event and reported it to a crowd of Rooney Officers. Two were wearing sweatsuits and one was in uniform. The student approached the uniformed guard and explained the situation in the corner. Despite the student's perseverance, the guard's only reply was a smug, "It's not my business." When the student attempted to record the guard's name, the Rooney trio began to verbally harass him. They screamed, "I don't care who you are. I don't care who your father is. It's time for you to learn to mind your own business!"

At this point, a second student stepped in and requested the security guards "Leave the kid alone." The guards liked this even less. The uniformed guard fancied himself an umpire of sorts and declared, "You are out of here!" He and his compatriots grabbed the student and proceeded to drag the Hamiltonian from the main room of Bundy to the doorway. They proceeded to throw him against a wall and then literally throw him out of the building.

To understand the ridiculous nature of the incident, one must first understand the student evicted. Three agents were utilized to throw a 140 pound student out of the party. Furthermore, any suspicion of mutual wrongdoing is diluted by the fact the student is an adamant pacifist. When asked about the event, the student commented, "It was overwhelming, without question an unnecessary use of violence. I find it to be all the more ironic considering the nature of the service's job and the duties they were hired to fulfill."

I must comment that the term "ironic" is overused in these times. (Prime example being Allanis Morissette's song titled, "Isn't it Ironic?" which describes several events, none of them ironic.) However, it is truly ironic that a service hired as and titled a protective agency attacks students instead of protecting them. Furthermore, the situation is only enhanced by the fact that they were occupying themselves harassing innocent Hamiltonians while another student was being sexually harassed and assaulted.

As I write this week's article, I have a strange sense of dejavu. The last time I wrote about an incident which involved guards assaulting students was, like this weekend, a trustee weekend. At that time, I commented that Rooney is given a tremendous amount of business from all factions of our oasis on the Hill. They receive contracts for almost all parties in social spaces, as well as Family Weekend, football games, ice hockey games, and numerous other functions. I have no idea why, of all the small, private liberal arts colleges in the Utica area, Rooney chose to walk into our school. I do know that they should be gotten rid of.

It strikes me as more than a little foolish to continue to blindly patronize a business that beats it patrons. For example, let's say I were to drive to the Nice-and-Easy, park, enter the store, and begin browsing. If I were to find Jon, the Senior Assistant Manager, standing in front of the Guinness with a broken bottle of Silver Thunder, I would certainly be perturbed. *If he were to commence an attack* by wildly swinging it at me, chances are I would begin frequenting the Xtra-Mart.

Rooney Protective Agency is swinging a barely proverbial forty at us; I can not comprehend why we do not investigate a business relationship with one of the six other guard services listed in Utica, Barnevald, Clinton, and Holland Patent Yellow Pages.

Otis Redding once said, "Don't let the same dog bite you twice." As we near the second anniversary of the residential life decision, it is evident that Hamilton is naturally a bit of a slow learner. We now have had two incidents, both with numerous witnesses. Let's investigate alternatives and try to avoid a third student paying to be attacked.

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CREDIT FOR INTERNSHIPS

Internships provide learning beyond the college classroom

For those of you not aware, the faculty and administration are presently conducting a curriculum review, evaluating the current curriculum and addressing its inadequacies. The committee is examining many issues, however two striking areas of importance concern the appeal for credit for internships as well as for volunteer activities. These issues are of particular interest for they involve opportunities not traditionally tied to academics.

Hamilton is a liberal arts institution. The liberal arts experience provides students with the capacity to think critically and to communicate clearly and precisely. Many view liberal arts training as an advantage, for it opens the door to a multitude of opportunities, preparing the student not only for a career but for life. According to the Hamilton College Catalogue, "Education in all its forms is the central mission of Hamilton College...The fundamental purpose of a Hamilton education is to enable young men and women of unusual gifts to realize their fullest capacities, for their own benefit and that of the world in which they will live."

Christie Reed
Weekly Reed

The liberal arts experience at Hamilton undoubtedly offers the necessary tools for developing critical thinking and communication skills. Consequently, it also provides students with the confidence to perform many challenging intellectual tasks (i.e. homework). As we are all aware, however, life extends far beyond the classroom, and the job world exists in this foreign realm. If Hamilton College claims to provide and foster "Education in all its forms," thus preparing students for life after college, then I believe it follows that Hamilton should offer and reward opportunities which enable students to test the waters of this world beyond the Hill.

As a senior, I can testify that life takes on a completely different personality when compared to life during the previous three years of college. Senior year is a time of transition, when students have one foot in academia while attempting to place the other foot in the future, and thus the world beyond college. Should Hamilton not in some way help place this foot in the future? Unfortunately, it appears that placing this foot in the career center is as close as one comes while on the Hamilton College campus to what awaits in the hereafter. Consequently, I find that many students, including myself, foster a pessimism concerning their abilities to perform outside Hamilton's academic existence, even though they appear so confident within this realm. Why? Because they feel they lack the experience. Not the skills, but the experience.

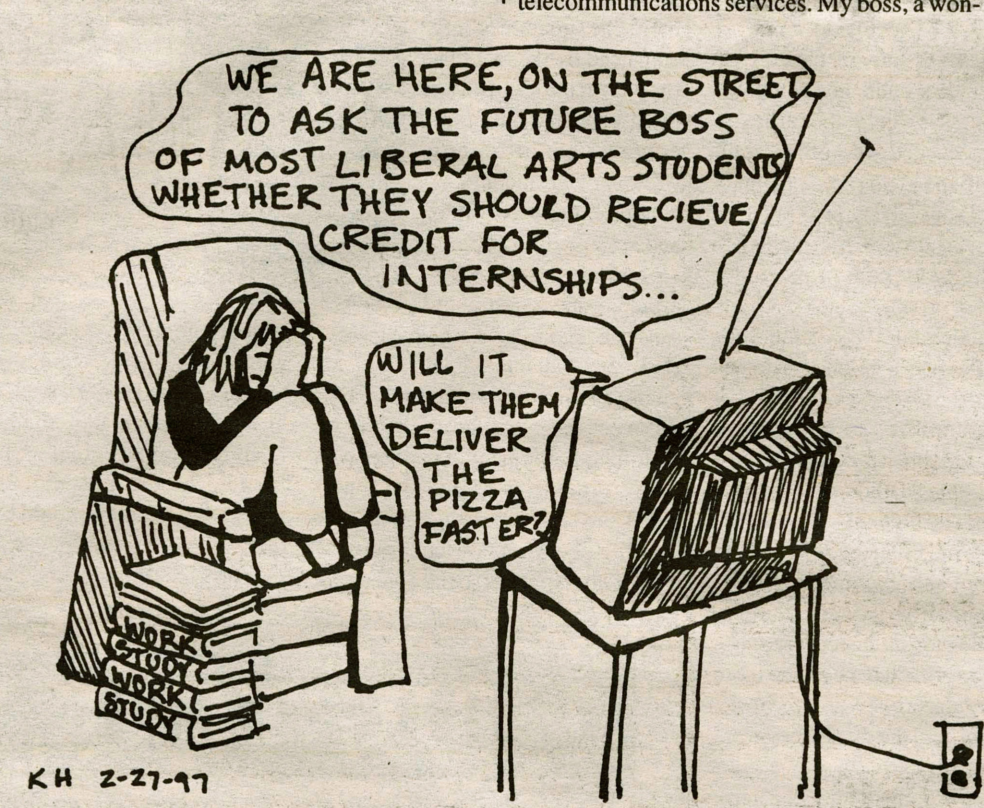
You may believe that it is the students' responsibility to acquire this experience, that he or she should be motivated enough and independent enough to discover what awaits around the corner. But as an educational institution which participates in the development of the student into a citizen of the world, should Hamilton not acknowledge its responsibility in facilitating the transition from college life to real life? True, students must seek the experience themselves, however Hamilton could help provide this experience in several ways.

Did you know that we are one of the only schools in our bracket which does not offer credit for internships? This may not appear to be of much importance, but scrutinize this a bit more carefully. By offering credit for internship experience, Hamilton could actively support its claim that its goal involves preparing students for the future and for realizing "their fullest capacities, for their own benefit and that of the world in which they will live."

Realistically, offering credit for internships would also provide incentive to students to go out and work in the job world. Credit would place internship experience in the college realm, psychologically offering students more direction, for the experience would be a part of a student's four year plan, thus creating the liaison between both worlds. I believe this would also inspire more students to familiarize themselves with the resources available in the career center before their senior year, consequently easing them into the job search process much earlier.

Under the same argument I believe that Hamilton should provide more opportunities for student involvement in volunteer activities focusing on possible job interests, again offering credit for such experience. Such activities could include working for a governmental agency in Utica or teaching at the elementary school in Clinton. Providing such opportunities, Hamilton could directly fulfill its claim to offer "Education in all its forms."

If Hamilton's ultimate goal is to prepare students for the world outside of college should it not take part in the transition into this world? Ultimately, offering credit for experience outside the classroom could only serve to enhance both the school and the students for it would ensure the development of a much more prepared, confident and optimistic student body.



Internships' menial tasks don't equal classroom learning

From June to August, 1996, I was an employee of the United States Government. During my summer in Paris, I stumbled upon a job opening at the U.S. Embassy working with the Foreign Commercial Service. Like most who have attached the wondrous title of "Intern" to our names, I was shamefully underpaid. In fact, 39 hours per week brought home a paycheck of zero francs. My meals and transportation were all out of my own pocket. I did get to keep the security badge furnished to me at the beginning of my employment, however. Admittedly, being on the inside of a bilingual Embassy was exhilarating, not to mention how wonderful (and surprising) it was to work with almost all French people in a U.S. Government building. Despite the poor pay, I would not have traded my experience for anything.

Mark Lilienthal
Glass Houses

Who cares, right? Well, from conversations with other people who have been interns, my experience was typical. I worked hard, but rarely used the creative or intellectual sides of my brain. In other words, I did not have to think much. Mostly, I read over files to become acquainted with France's telecommunications services. My boss, a wonderful lady, provided endless reams of paper for my analysis. Apparently, however, her trust for me was thin: she highlighted all the important parts before handing the pages over. Once I had amassed a healthy understanding of the topic, I started to write an Industry Sector Analysis, a document intended for the eyes of American businesses looking into the possibility of investment in France when the market becomes deregulated in January, 1998.

Frankly, the work was horribly tedious. I was continually bewildered by how many different ways there were to say that France Telecom, the country's premier service provider, was lowering their rates on cellular phone calls. Furthermore, about 40 of my 60 pages came from previous ISA reports, including 20 listing "Key Contacts." In other words, the material was rehashed and updated, but remained essentially the same. All of our information came from newspapers and magazines; hardly academic, huh?

When I was not typing, the Commercial Library employed my services to respond to French people's interests in American commercial life. For example, I looked up the addresses of U.S. companies who made industrial sewing machines so that the French company could tempt them with overseas investment opportunities. With the help of CD-ROM, the projects usually took less than five minutes.

Lastly, and most exciting, I was able to do some translation of small articles in French newspapers. Once in English, the Embassy sent them to interested American parties.

Sigh. I am bored just writing about my experience. The purpose of my article, however, is not to make your eyelids heavy. Instead, I wish to use my experience as a model for why Hamilton College should not give credit for students' internships.

As everyone of our resumes tells, it is easy to lie with words. Titles such as "Administrative Assistant" and "Analyst" are often synonyms for "Photocopier/Telephone Call Maker" for those of us still at the undergraduate level. How, then, could the Hamilton faculty possibly judge an internship for its academic qualities? Simply put, our experiences are too easy to embellish; lying for credit would be dangerously easy. Here is what I would write to the faculty if I could get credit for my internship: "Researched and wrote 60 (!) page report on telecommunications services in France. Translated numerous documents for the use of American businesses. Attended trade shows as the U.S. Embassy Representative. Assisted with customer service in the Commercial Library."

The truth, as you have seen, is far less glamourous. I did no research for the project; my boss had all the materials in her office. My time at trade shows was spent chatting with fellow interns or collecting the show's catalog. And let us not forget that I spent many hours getting a radiation-based tan while working the Xerox and humiliated myself in French while trying to verify companies' addresses, phone, and fax numbers from our office telephone.

Simply put, most internships at this stage in our lives are not worthy of academic credit. I was prohibited from exhibiting any creative style in my writing; my research was conducted for me; and at least half of every day was spent either gabbing with friends, using the Embassy's phone to get a free call to my parents, or dabbling with e-mail. What I learned will be important if I ever choose to enter the business world, for life learning happens all the time.

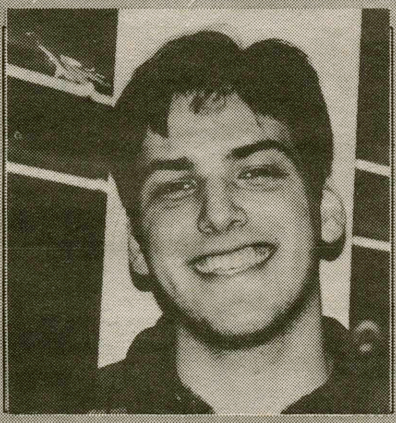
But on the intellectual level—Hamilton's strongest, I think you will agree—I was not challenged or rewarded. I recognize that not all internships are like mine, but if you want to get credit for a summer job, perhaps you would be better off participating in Hamilton's semester in Washington Program. Let us not shame our institution by graduating students with degrees in stapling and coffee pouring.

V O I C E B O X

How has the Res-Life decision affected you?

Geoff Bissit '99

"It hasn't really affected me at all."

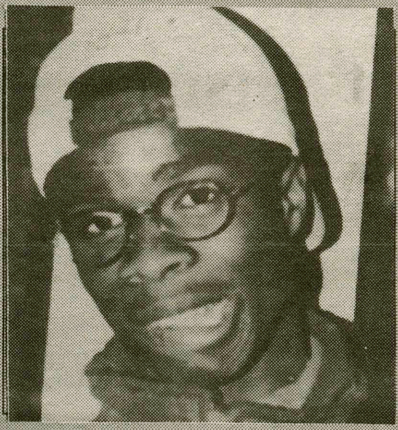


Mike Shedosky '00

"I think it's horrible that the school has a monopoly over housing options, and allowing frat houses would boost the morale of the campus."

Peter Hurisch '99

"I never would have lived with my current roommate, who is a brother, if they hadn't made that decision."



Yao Odamtten '98

"It's old news man! We're moving on!"

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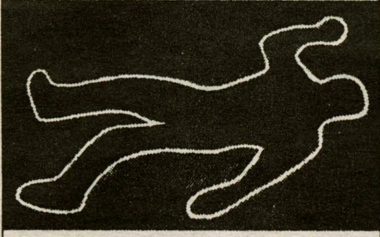

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An Open Letter From the I.S.C.

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Inter Society Council

Hamilton College
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February 28, 1997

Dear Trustees,

For the previous two years, your Saturday meeting has been preceded by a protest. I am writing on behalf of the Inter-Society Council to inform you that we will organize no such event this year. Our energies have instead been channeled into a list of recommendations on the adjoining page.

While we realize that there is a slim chance of reversing the residential life decision, there are still several problems with the implementation of the plan. For example, pages ten and 11 of The Report of the Committee on Residential Life calls for more "residential study spaces," residential social areas, and special interest housing. I have yet to witness the latter goal, and it appears that in the first two areas Hamilton has actually regressed. Due to a series of administrative miscalculations, social areas such as the Dunham pool room and McIntosh study areas have been eliminated to accommodate the housing surge. The decision states the need for "big name" social events; unfortunately, these have yet to occur.

The purpose of this letter is not to criticize or immaturely cry, "I told you so." The intent is purely constructive. The ISC desires the same better Hamilton as our trustees; of course, we agree with the decision's goals of "greater integration of academic and residential life," "equality of social and residential opportunity," and offering "all students a rich variety of on-campus activities." However, in reality these goals have not been achieved. The ISC has realized that screaming students do not contribute to the community and rededicated our efforts to policy recommendations, and a faculty lecture series. We only hope that the trustees of this institution will reciprocate and sincerely consider our ideas.

Sincerely,

Benjamin E. Mintz

Benjamin E. Mintz
President of the Inter Society Council

cc.:The Hamilton Community

A Few Suggestions About Res Life On The Hill

⇛	Add new social spaces that are more conducive to a classier gathering. (i.e. Dwight Lounge, Azel Backus House, extend E.L.S. lease to include first floor, etc.)
⇛	Examine student empowerment and whether or not it exists here.
⇛	Hold the "big name events" promised in the Res-Life decision.
⇛	Dormitories have kitchens, let students cook. (Eliminate the fourteen meal minimum.)
⇛	Notify students about downtown living options before August.
⇛	Grant societies the meeting and storage spaces promised two years ago.
⇛	Stop physical plant overbilling!
⇛	Support Springfest '97.
⇛	Acknowledge and fight the DWI problem!

Thank you for your time!

We can be reached via phone at

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HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of February 28-March 6

FORSEEN BY DR. WONKA
A&E ASTROLOGER

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 20)

You have been a little sick this past week and your illness has affected your outlook on life. Get better so you can rally and have fun this weekend and prepare for your upcoming midterms.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 20)

Go out this weekend and treat yourself. You have been working hard and you deserve a break. Although a heavy workload is quickly approaching, you have kept up with your work. Have lots of fun!

TAURUS
(APRIL 21-MAY 21)

Enough of the bad mood from last week. You should try to seek out a unique social opportunity this weekend to relieve this poor mindset. Whatever the problem is, forget it and put things in perpective.

GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Although the semester is rolling faster than it may seem, do not underestimate the difficulty of your classes. Now is not the time to blow off your classes. Get your work done now so you can enjoy the rapidly approaching spring.

CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 21)

You need a break. Spring break is not too far away, but be sure not to relax too long because you will need money for this vacation.

LEO
(JULY 22-AUGUST 21)

A friend from home may visit this weekend. Do not worry about showing him/her a good time. I'm sure they will bring a good time themselves.

VIRGO
(AUGUST 22-SEPTEMBER 21)

Now you are depressed and your friends don't seem to care. It will pass soon and your mood will be better. Try taking a nap or a walk in the Glen to sort out your problems.

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 22-OCTOBER 21)

This weekend is a good one to go for a trip. You need the time to get away from central New York and the insight gained from your adventure in nature will prove to be enlightening.

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 22-NOVEMEBER 21)

A new addition to your musical library is just what you need to brighten you mood this week. Try going down to the mall and picking up some uplifting 70's music, like the Bee Gees or some Herbie Hancock funk.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 21)

You did something horrible this past week, but don't worry because things will be forgiven and forgotten. Have a good time this weekend to help forget your problems.

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 20)

Your friends have been a little rough on you recently, but don't worry, because it's only in jest. Don't be so sensitive in these matters. Try to lighten up this week. It will do you good.

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19)

That special person is really getting into your mind. Talk to them and find out where you stand with him/her. It takes little effort to do this and it will be worth a lot to you.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

SHINE

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COURTESY HOYT'S SANGERTOWN 8
SANGERTOWN SQUARE MALL

BY KATHY HESS '99
EDITORIAL CARTOONIST

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Geoffrey Rush and Lynn Redgrave in the acclaimed *Shine*.

It's an Australian film about a piano player who is abused and goes insane. From the country that brought movie audiences *Babe*, the best pig movie ever, comes *Shine*, a story based on the life of pianist David Helfgott. Helfgott is introduced at the beginning of the movie talking in circles very quickly.

First he is a character to pity, but then he is slowly introduced as a person. The rest of the film presents the character and life of Helfgott, without judging it (that last part is probably one of the greatest achievements of the film).

Helfgott's family has its quirks. The tallest is Peter, the father of the family. Peter is one of the only members of his family to survive the Holocaust (he is from Poland), and as a result of that he keeps very tight control on his family, especially David.

He doesn't work except to collect bottles and teach his children, who don't leave the house except for piano competitions. David works hard to be acceptable to his father, but when he is offered a scholarship to study in America and later England, Peter puts his foot down. Success should not take David out of his family. Peter puts a desire in David that he will not allow him to achieve.

David does eventually leave, and is trained by the Royal College of Music. He learns to play the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3, but once he has achieved that goal (playing that piece of music well in this film is the equivalent of destroying the Death Star in *Star Wars*: impossible to do just right without some kind of sacrifice) David collapses (you achieved your life's ambition as a teenager, what are you going to do now?).

David is given ECT and sent home to Australia. The second part of the movie shows a new goal: to become a functioning individual in a world that doesn't accept what is different. A little bit of bizarre behavior can be cute; a lot becomes a challenge to deal with.

As far as performances go, this movie is full of great ones. Geoffrey Rush, who plays David as an adult, is awesome. His character is multifaceted, and Rush doesn't concentrate on one aspect of the character in the movie. His performance meshes very well with the actors who play David when he is young.

Alex Rafalowicz is great as the child David. Noah Taylor plays David as a young adult. Taylor plays some of the hardest moments of David's life, including increasing abuse at home, the training in England, and mental breakdown. Without a really solid actor in that role, the rest of the movie would crumble. Taylor gives the film a solid base.

The big surprise of the film is Armin Mueller-Stahl, as Peter (David's father). The easiest way to present this character would be as the evil abuser. He certainly is, that, no question. The audience, however, doesn't get the comfort as simply labeling the father as evil. The father does love his family, there is a reason for his over-protective nature.

When Peter tells his son repeatedly, "No one will love you the way I do," two things are clear. It is comforting to know that there will be no one else to treat David so badly, no one else has that kind of a power over him. Peter, however, does love his son. There is a reason that David stays in his house as long as he does. There is a reason he wants his father's approval.

Most movies never allow the "challenged" character romantic love. If the character does achieve love, it is never with a person who is not really flawed (Quasimodo can have self esteem, but not the gypsy woman, Forrest Gump can only get his Jenny after she is damaged goods).

That is why it seems so unrealistic that David could have a love interest who sticks around, and isn't evil, diseased, or ugly. Lynn Redgrave plays David's love with a great deal of grace.

Many "artsy" movies have trouble with making a wide-spread appeal; *Shine* won't. It is fast moving enough to not be boring, and conscientious enough to not leave holes in the story. The direction is creative, and it is obvious that Scott Hicks (the director) spent a lot of time working with the story so that it would shine to the audience too.

Tuvan throat singers Huun-Huur Tu mesmerize Wellin Hall audience

BY OREN HOMER RAWLS '99
MANAGING EDITOR

Huun-Huur-Tu, Throat-Singers of Tuva, transported a captivated Wellin Hall audience to the caves and rivers of Siberia through the magic of their lexicon of musical onomatopoeia Thursday night. In a performance that can only be described as unique, Huun-Huur-Tu enchantingly entertained with ancient instruments and vocal gymnastics.

Sayan Bapa, Kaigal-ool Khovalyg, Anatoli Kuular and Alexei Saryglar compose the South Siberian ensemble. The band name literally translates to "sun propeller," but the Tuvan word *xün xürtü* describes an image much richer than the English equivalent would suggest. As the evening's program announced, *xün xürtü* refers to the "vertical separation of light rays that often occurs just after sunrise or just before sunset."

Huun-Huur-Tu's denotative connection to nature is representative of the band's music. Huun-Huur-Tu's "songs connect the outer world of nature and the inner world of emotions," narrated George P. Myers, Director of Chamber Music with Strings. The soulful vocals reflected the Tuvans' ancient tradition of harmony with nature, as did the eclectic collection of instruments.

Through the course of the performance Huun-Huur-Tu played *xomus* (jew's harp), *eediski* (birchbark reed that imitates young deer), *duyug* (boiled and dried horses hooves clacked together), *xapchyk* (rattle made from sheep kneebones in bull testicle), as well as the traditional guitar. Horse heads adorned many of the string instruments, a testament to the importance of equines in Tuvan culture.

The vocals, both traditional and throat, surprised the audience. The lyrics in Tuvan tongue sounded foreign to ears accustomed to English, and necessitated a period of adjustment before the content could be appreciated. The initial throat song drew confused giggles from several audience members. The awkwardness lasted momentarily, however, as the international language of musicianship quickly translated the songs into accessible enjoyment.

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> — Theodore Levin

Huun-Huur-Tu, with the aid of George P. Myers, Director of Chamber Music with Strings, continued to confound the audience by complementing the acoustic music with a multimedia presentation.

As Kuular imitated the gurgling of rushing water onstage, footage of the throat-singer and Myers alongside a secluded stream in the mountains of Tuva played on a large screen hanging from the Wellin Hall ceiling. The poignant presentation exemplified the harmony that exists between the Tuvans and the land they have dwelled on for centuries.

The paradoxical combination of ancient music and modern technology provided both the high and low points of the performance. Technical difficulties delayed the concert for several minutes following Kuular's solo, and Myers stopped the video aspect of the multimedia presentation entirely when it became apparent that the video projecter was not playing as well as Huun-Huur-Tu. The energy that had been flowing between the throat-singers and the audience dissipated, and the performers' agitation needed no translation.

Despite the technical mishap, Huun-Huur-Tu recaptured the spirit of the performance. Vocal gymnastics carried the second half of the performance, further testimony to the throat-singers' homage to nature. The concert concluded on a high throat-note, and the audience filed out of Wellin Hall echoing Theodore Levin's sentiments in the performance's program:

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Critically acclaimed independent film makers to appear at Hamilton
Alan Berliner and Ellen Spiro to present films and lectures to community

By Christian Tico '00
A & E WRITER

Those who were disappointed by "Milagro Beanfield" director John Nichols not being able to make it to campus need not fret; independent film-makers of the highest caliber are coming to the rescue just in time this week. It is not often that one gets to see independent films, since these critically acclaimed movies have only a small cult audience and limited distribution due to their working outside of the Hollywood blockbuster machine.

This Sunday (3/2) and Friday (3/7), not only will you have the rare opportunity to view some of these avant garde gems, but the award winning directors responsible for the works will be on hand to speak to students about their films and the fascinating issues explored therin.

In conjunction with Comparative Literature 249, Facing Reality: A History of Documentary Film, taught by Dr. Scott MacDonald, eight independent directors will present their latest works in KJ Auditorium at various dates and times throughout the semester.

I hope to preview each screening the week before, in order that those who know little of this genre will be aware of what it's about. Two filmmakers will be on the Hill before spring. So what got in the way of the NCAA tournament? The first, Alan Berliner, will be showing two of his newest movies, *Intimate Stranger* (1991) and *Nobody's Business* (1996), both dealing with family matters close to the directors heart and, probably, your own, this Sunday from 1-4 p.m. in the KJ Auditorium.

Also, next Friday, a bright young director by the name of Ellen Spiro will present two travelogues called "Greetings from Out There" ('93) and "Roam Sweet Home" ('96), both of which deal with the experience of living in the South from a different perspective than usual.

Alan Berliner has been heralded, by both film critics and festivals, as well as numerous popular magazines, as the premier maker of documentaries encompassing American family life. His movies are not only easy to relate to because we recognize aspects of ourselves in the real characters (his grandfather and father, respectively), but also because they are extremely well-made, with an exacting emphasis on the editing of sound and image to create an absorbing viewing experience one is not soon to forget.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ALAN BERLINER
Berliner and grandfather Cussato in a friendly wrestle.

In "Intimate Stranger," Berliner provides an inventive and wholly entertaining exploration of the nature of multiple ethnicities by focusing on his well traveled maternal grandfather, Joseph Cassuto. The man gets along great with all brands of foreign colleagues he finds himself working with, but fails to establish a close relationship with his very own immediate family, due to his frequent abscences.

Hence, he is quite literally an "intimate stranger" to those who love him. By the time the movie is over, we are not sure how to label Berliner himself; is he Jewish, Egyptian, Japanese, American...? And that's exactly the point--we all come from widely diverse backgrounds and we should celebrate all fragments of our heritage, no matter how insignificant they may seem.

PHOTO COURTESY OF POV
Berlimer's grandfather, Joseph Cussuto in Egypt with friends.

In *Nobody' Business*, Berliner's most recent and most powerful film, not to mention his funniest, the topic of lineage is once again taken up in the form of an antagonistic rivalry between the forty year old director and his father of seventy. The father, Oscar Berliner, is a self-described recluse who has seemingly lost the will to live.

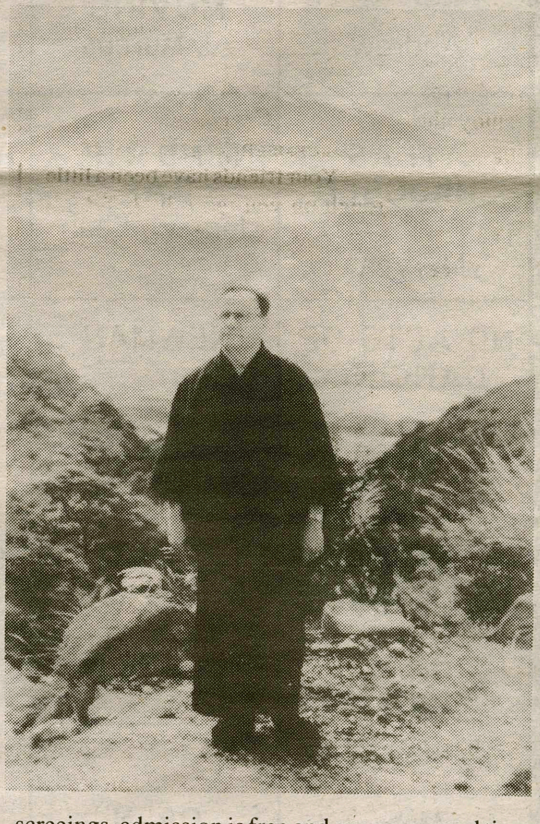
His hard life, including a bitter divorce from a woman with whom he was never compatible to begin with, has hardened him into a hopeless cynic who doesn't care about his past (neither does he show any interest in his relatives) and doesn't think he has a future.

This may seem like all too much gloom and doom when described in writing, but, surprisingly, when this character is presented to us on screen, the sheer integrity of his apathetic, "I don't care" attitude can't help but amuse. Think *Grumpy Old Men*, but a lot more poignant and heartwarming.

Berliner won numerous awards, honors and fellowships for his films, which are in stock at various libraries, universities and film institutes not only throughout the U.S., but popular abroad as well. *Nobody's Business* was received with a standing ovation at its premier at the New York Film festival just last year, which is an incredible achievement considering how rare that is.

Mr. Berliner is a brilliant director, who wins Emmy Awards for creative music and lighting design in his spare time. Both of his movies will hit the mark, regardless of your age, sex or ethnicity; their universal appeal is widely recognizable and I'm sure you won't be disappointed if you spend the afternoon with this trailblazing documentarist.

Ellen Spiro, as I've previously mentioned, will present two of her films the following Friday from 12-4. All students and faculty, especially those intersted in witnessing part of American film history as it happens, are urged to attend. As for all the screeings, admission is free and open to the entire Hamilton community.



Using just her camcorder, Spiro not only films parts of our society that the mass media have largely neglected, but brings those facets and several intriguing issues to the fore in a manner that is thoroughly fresh and innovative. In *Greetings From Out There*, Spiro tours gay Dixie with her lovable road-dog and constant companion, Sam, showing us utterly different "southern rebels" than the ones we're used to seeing and hearing about.

In *Roam Sweet Home*, she's back at it with her dog, this time recording compelling video footage of growing old in the South. The folks that she meets are pretty much the antithesis of someone like Oscar Berliner, who buys into the stereotype of "one foot in the grave."

The incredible vitality of these super seniors is bound to change your mind about aging, challenging any preconceived notions you might have had about growing older or the elderly themselves. Ellen will also bring along various excerpts from her other video projects.

Both of these fine film-makers are sure to impress those in attendance beyond their expectations. The opportunity to not only meet and discuss film issues, but to view exemplary works by artists who are usually marginalized, is unprecedented. Hopefully, if these events are popular enough, the untapped potential of film at Hamilton will be realized, paving the way for future endeavors in this direction. Already slated to show their movies this semester are Peter Hutton, Prathiba Parmar, Yvonne Rainer and Su Friedrich.

I hope to see you there for both Alan Berliner and Ellen Spiro and, trust me, you'll have such a good time, you'll be addicted to this stuff and won't be able to wait until break is over so you can get another hit. Well, maybe I'm stretching the analogy a bit too far...

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3:30 AM – 5:30 AM	Dead Air	Dead Air	Dead Air	Dead Air	Dead Air	Dead Air	Dead Air
5:30 AM – 8:00 AM	OLD EL PASO Susan, Elliott	PRINCE SUCKS Irene, Lindsay	OPEN	WACKY WORLD MUSIC Joel	MORNING WOOD Buzz, Garth	THE DODO SHOW Adam,	PLETHORA OF AMAZING SONGS Emily
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	PHAT MONDAY MORNING WAKE-UP Nick	MANY WONDERFUL THINGS Colin	THE ICARUS SHOW Anthony, Genevieve	RESUME SPEED Stephen, Andrew	RED WHISPERS, CLEAR LAUGHTER Liz, Rebecca	LIVE FROM LONDON! Seth, Jennifer, Aaron	CLASSICAL UNPLUGGED Matt
10:30 AM – 1:00 PM	TILLY TIME Andrew	TRAVELING WITHOUT MOVING Al, Marcus	LEGOLAND JAMS Ben, Lee	GOD'S GREAT JOY Joseph, Ruth	SPICOLLI Sivan	ALT.FOLK.BLUES Corey	CLASSICAL CORNUCOPIA James, Jennifer
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	ATLAS SHRUGGED Meryem	MIND THE GAP Jen, Jo, Leah	BOOTY FOOD Robert, Aylwin, Chip	THE OVERLOOK Jeff	3-D ROCK & ROLL EXPERIENCE The Doctor, Big Bubba	SLUT THE GUN PIG Rob, Adam	SAXUAL HEALING Keith, Charley, Ned
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM	NO ACTS OF DANCING Morgan	NEWMAN Jamie, Rebecca	SHOOTER TIME Jon	TIKI WONDER VARIETY SHOW Sarah, Chris	TUNES FROM THE TUB Doran, Sue, Bejan, Ben	MEAN GROWLER Ben, Colten	SHADY GROVE Jeff, Sarah
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	BLEACHER CREATURES David, Nathaniel, Matt Derek	NORTH STATION Sean, Bev	SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT Betsy, Bari, Vicky	POLITICAL AFFAIRS Kristy	3 MEN & A MAN NAMED SATAN Harris, Bob, Rob	THE THREE RING CIRCUS Jack, Eric, Karl	THE FABULOUS THREESOME Ante, Dave, Mike
7:00 PM – 7:30 PM		OPEN		YOU LIKE THAT? Jon, Jeff			
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM	TICKLE TIME WITH ELMO Ryan, Andrew, George	JEWEL IS HOT Brian, Steve	THE DAMON AND JIFFY SHOW Damon, Jeff	CLUB 88 Ante	THE ATOMIC CLOCK Teal, Sara	PRE-GAME Sean, Kristy, Seth	SHADES OF BLUES John, Rick
9:30 PM – 11:30 PM	S.I.R. Buddha & DJ Spin	I HATE PEOPLE Scott	THE BLACK BODYSUIT SHOW Peter, Brett	FABULOUS CABINET MAKERS Chris, Matt	THE GOUT Rob	THE GIRLS NEXT DOOR Tricia, Sarah	THE REBIRTH OF COOL Jay, Eli, Cassia
11:30 PM – 1:30 AM	WILLIS Matt, Jeff	WREKKIN' CREW Geoff, Bob	THE CHIMNEY Jeremy, Jason	THROW ME THE ROOM Tait, James	AGRIPPA Eric, Phil	LIMITLESS UNDERGROUND Alex	CUBICLE REBIRTH Mark, Chris

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3:30 AM – 5:30 AM	DEAD AIR	DEAD AIR	DEAD AIR	DEAD AIR	DEAD AIR	DEAD AIR	DEAD AIR
5:30 AM – 8:00 AM	AOR	AOR	AOR	AOR	AOR	FREE	FREE
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	FREE	CLASSICAL
10:30 AM – 1:00 PM	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTY	FREE	CLASSICAL
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	AOR	AOR	AOR	AOR	AOR	FREE	JAZZ & BLUES
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	FREE	FOLK & BLUES
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	SPORTS	SPORTS	PUBLIC AFFAIRS	PUBLIC AFFAIRS	SPORTS	SPORTS	SPORTS
7:00 PM – 7:30 PM	SPORTS	PUBLIC AFFAIRS	PUBLIC AFFAIRS	SPORTS	SPORTS	SPORTS	SPORTS
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM	AOR	AOR	AOR	AOR	AOR	PARTY TIME	BLUES
9:30 PM – 11:30 PM	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	PARTY TIME	JAZZ
11:30 PM – 1:30 AM	URBAN CONTEMP	URBAN CONTEMP	URBAN CONTEMP	URBAN CONTEMP	URBAN CONTEMP	PARTY TIME	JAZZ

LECTURES

Monday: Laurie Garrett, author of "The Coming Plague, Newly Emerging Disease in a World Out of Balance" and writer for Newsday, will speak at 7:30 pm in the Science Auditorium. Sponsored by the Plant Lecture Fund, the Levitt Public Affairs Center, FWC, the History Dept., Biochemistry Program, Dean of Faculty, and Office of the President.

Tuesday: As part of the Kirkland Project Brown Bag Series, **Naomi Guttman** of the English/Creative Writing Department will speak on **"Rooms Without Walls: Marge Piercy and the Poetics of Gardening"** at noon in the ELS Common Room. Sponsored by the Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Society, and Culture.

Thursday: At 4:10 pm in Science 318 **Amy G. Halberstadt**, Associate Professor of Psychology at NCSU, will host a colloquium on **"Gender Differences in Nonverbal Behavior: What's Power Got to Do With It?"** Sponsored by the Psychology Department, the Kirkland Endowment, and the FWC.

FILM

The Devil Probably: Charles drifts through politics, religion and psychoanalysis, rejecting them all. Once he realizes the depth of his disgust with the moral and physical decline of the society he lives in, he decides that suicide is the only option. Director Robert Bresson trained as a painter before moving into films as a screenwriter, making a short film (atypically a comedy), 'Les Affaires Publiques' in 1934. In later films, Bresson created a unique minimalist style in which all but the barest essentials are omitted from the film (often, crucial details are only given in the soundtrack), with the actors (he calls them 'models') giving deliberately flat, expressionless performances. It's a demanding and difficult, intensely personal style, which means that his films never achieved great popularity. He retired in the 1980s, after failing to raise the money for a long-planned adaptation of the Book of Genesis. Friday and Sunday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 10 pm in the KJ Auditorium.

ARTS

Saturday: At 7 pm in the Chapel, there will be a **Gospel Concert** of local church and school choirs. Sponsored by the BLSU, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Multicultural Affairs, HEOP, and the Chaplaincy.

Sunday: The Kirkland Art Center will be showing ***Kansas City*** (1979), starring Harry Belafonte and Jazz, at the Clinton Cinema at 4pm.

Sunday: At the Munson-Williams Proctor Institute the **57th Exhibition of Central New York Artists** opens and will run through April 20th in the Museum of Art. Call 797-0000 for information on artists and times.

Thursday: Oscar Hijuelos, Pulitzer Prize winning author of ***The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love***, will give a reading of his work at 8 pm in the Events Barn. A reception and book signing will follow. Sponsored by the English Department.

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Friday: Comedian **Michael Winslow**, *Police Academy*'s noise making machine, will perform at 8 pm in the Events Barn. Sponsored by CAB.

Friday: At 9 pm there will be a **Winter A-Capella Fest** with the Hamiltones, The Princeton Tigressions and the Colby 8 in the Chapel.

Saturday: The 1997 ECAC Hockey Tournament will be at 7:30 pm in Sage Rink. Hamilton men's hockey will be playing St. Anslem. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for students.

Monday: **Soul Coughing** is performing at Syracuse University's Goldstein Auditorium. Tickets are $10 and are available through Syracuse U.

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Men's hockey was forced to make anunfair decision

DAMON LOPEZ-O'DWYER
EDITOR'S NOTES

Hamilton is a NESCAC school—a truly distinct honor—but when it comes to post-season athletics, the league's policies are questionable. It has only been in this decade that NESCAC rules have even allowed its teams to enter any kind of play-off tournament at all, let alone the two that this year's hockey team should be playing in.

The philosophy is that NESCAC students are "students who are athletes, not athletes who are students"—and that is fine. Nobody is contesting the idea that the academics of Hamilton's athletes should come first, but is it not a bit insulting to think that the caliber of student and athlete that attends a NESCAC school can't handle the rigors of his work *and* two post-season tournaments?

Hamilton is a member of the newly formed UCAA conference that was designed primarily to bring the teams in the area together, as well as the ECAC-East and, of course, the NCAA. But above all others, we pledge allegiance to the New England Small College Athletic Conference and are therefore governed by its rules, no matter how frustrating they might at times be.

With NESCAC rules as a given obstacle, there was another key factor involved in coach Phil Grady's decision to send his team to the ECAC tournament . . .again. Because the ECAC bids are given out a week before the NCAA bids are announced, Hamilton and the other NESCAC teams are forced to guess as to whether they will receive a NCAA bid, and if they are wrong, their seasons are over. (Coach Tom Murphy and his basketball players don't have this problem as the bids all come out at the same time. It is anybody's guess as to why the hockey players are forced to suffer with such a dilemna.)

This year, Hamilton made the safe choice and probably the right one. As coach Phil Grady explained, "It would have been a risk to hold out for an NCAA bid. Having to make a choice, we just wanted to make sure our players would be guaranteed the chance to play. Plus, we'll be hosting our first home tournament game since the 1988-89 season and we can avenge our overtime loss in last years finals."

Surely it would have been a mistake for Grady to wait for an NCAA bid as Hamilton was a long shot. This year's team is too good to risk having to forego a post season. If ever there was a Continental team that is prepared to win an ECAC championship, it is this one. This year's squad earned the best record in Hamilton history and is loaded with the talent of three All-American candidates in Brent Davey, Joe Baudo, and Jeff Bradley. Ironically, as the only team in the nation to beat Middlebury (the NCAA East pole's #1 team), this year's group would probably have had a realistic chance at national glory. Thanks to NESCAC rules, we will not get the chance to even try.

Tourney berth on line at Hobart

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throws while the Saints hit 28-32 for the quality of the officiating.

Hamilton recovered on Wednesday in style, bringing down the house in a 105-73 win over Rochester (15-9). The visitors held the fourth seed in the East region, two slots ahead of Hamilton. The Conts proved their worth convincingly, taking the sting out of the Yellowjackets with an early 22-2 run. Kevin Larson looked more like Kevin Arson, setting the nets on fire with three treys. Accomplice Kevin Thorpe conspired for three long range bombs of his own. A quick 13 points from Schantz aided the Conts to a 52-23 cushion. It is by far the best 20 minutes of basketball this team has played all season. Hamilton shot a sizzling 56% from the field on 22-39 shooting while holding Rochester to just 33%.

In the second half, the trend continued. Schantz scored on four straight possessions before the Yellowjackets began fouling him. Hamilton built a 38-point lead with 15 minutes left. The frustrated Yellowjackets resorted to thuggery, prompting Coach Murphy to protect his starters on the bench. Continental reserves did not lose a step. Ben Raymo '00 put the nail on the coffin with a buzzer-beating three-pointer.

Schantz hit for 30 points and grabbed nine rebounds for the victors. Larson contributed 20 on 6-12 from the field. Thorpe added 17 points and a career-high 9 assists. Raedts bruised his way to 14 points and ten boards. As a team, Hamilton out-rebounded Rochester 47-22.

The Conts travel to Hobart for a contest crucial towards earning a tournament bid. The Statesmen have been playing well lately, and are tough on their home court. Mark Callahan leads the guards while Eric Nelson anchors the big men. An intense effort is necessary to defeat Hobart. Hamilton is in a must-win situation. The team cannot afford any lapses of play or foul trouble. If the same team that slaughtered Rochester shows up, there should not be any problems.

Women's squash wraps up season successfully

By Elizabeth Haas
Guest Sports Writer

The Women's squash team concluded the '96-'97 season on a positive note, posting a respectable 8-13 record and improving their national ranking from 24th to 20th in the process. Guided by the strong leadership of Brooke Cobb '97 and Mara Laird '97, the determined Continentals put in a solid final performance at Yale's Howe Cup tournament. The team's perseverance in New Haven resulted in a division upgrade that saw the Continentals shift from division D to division C. Although 1-3 on the weekend, suffering losses at the hands of Cornell (6-3), Smith (8-1), and Colgate (5-4), the tournament had its notable moments. Hamilton defeated Connecticut College 5-4 and Andie Woloszyn enjoyed personal success going undefeated (4-0) for the weekend.

Season highlights for the Continentals included a close win over Smith at the Williams Invitational as well as victories over Colgate and Connecticut College during regular season play.

Coach Rebecca Seigel commented that the team's hard work and desire to improve indeed paid off. Seigel is optimistic for next season as the Continentals, a relatively young team, will return ten players and lose only three seniors. She looks to top player Sayako Shibazaki '00 from New Zealand to lead the team to a successful '97-'98 season.

Men's hockey to play St. Anselm's in Sage Rink

First home playoff game since 1989

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the plateau and the first defenseman in history to capture the honors. Captain Jeff Bradley '97 crossed the threshold seg-way into the year.

Defenseman Ed Cassin'00 opened the scoring for Hamilton with a shot from the blueline that darted past the goalline at 14:30 of the first period. Fellow classmates Brian Grady'00 and Chris Baudo'00 were credited with the assists on the play. Joe Baudo scored his 100th point on a power-play tally that was the eventual game-winner in the latter half of the second period on a cross-ice pass from John Whitwell'98.

The Camels attempted to mount a comeback early in the third, but it was to no avail. Baudo's second period goal put the game out of reach and a third period tally by rookie sensation, Josh Spanburgh'00, provided the insurance. Scott Meyer'00 and Bryant Rowean'00 got the assists. Brent Davey'00 played strong between the pipes improving his record to 16-3-1 while making 19 saves.

On Saturday, the Continentals defeated Holy Cross in a tough contest. Underdogs in the contest, Holy Cross' lineup of giants bumped and banged their way into contention with the Continentals for the win. Hamilton led the game after the first period by a one-goal margin. Ben Hawn'98 scored a beautiful short-handed goal, typical of Hawn's hardnosed type of play to start the Continentals on the right track. Holy Cross answered back just 0:41 seconds later on the same power-play. Gary Heenan'97 took advantage of a pass from Rob Rigg'99 on a Continental power-play with a backhand shot that found the upper right-hand corner to cap his first tally since his return from a debilitating injury.

With the Conts leading by one, Hamilton took to the ice in fine fashion in the second, confident it could end the game with a commanding lead. Hawn started the period off for the Conts extending the lead to two with a drop-pass from Chris Baudo. The see-saw match-up continued in this period as Holy Cross managed two goals to Hamilton's three. Rob Rigg and Ed Cassin recorded a goal each to give Hamilton the 5-3 lead to enter the third.

Holy Cross cut it close with a quick goal to open the scoring in the third period, but could not push the puck past netminder Brent Davey after that. Davey recorded a total of 20 saves on the night. In an outstretched effort, Brian Grady added the insurance goal with just two minutes remaining in regulation time. Joe Baudo, Zac Sweetland'99 and Chris Baudo all had multiple assists, while Rob Rigg, Brian Guastella'98, and Trevor MacArthur'99 added one apiece. With a final score of 6-4, the Continentals capped off the season with a well deserved victory and high morale heading into the post season.

Once again, Hamilton will host St. Anselm tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Sage Rink. It will be a contest that will send the winners to the final four ECAC tournament and the losers to the links. Jeff Bradley will be making his comeback debut after a four week layoff with a broken thumb. Bradley's comeback is greatly welcomed by his teammates who yearn for one more highly skilled center who can launch Hamilton into the winner's circle next weekend.

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Pittsburgh at New Jersey 3/1	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Chicago at Colorado 3/1	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado
NY Rangers at Detroit 3/1	NY Rangers	NY Rangers	NY Rangers	NY Rangers	Detroit
Philadelphia at Boston 3/1	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
NBA					
Seattle at Miami 2/28	Miami	Seattle	Seattle	Miami	Miami
Utah at Portland 2/28	Portland	Utah	Utah	Portland	Portland
LA Lakers at Indiana 3/2	LA Lakers	Indiana	Indiana	LA Lakers	LA Lakers
Cleveland at New York 3/2	New York	New York	New York	New York	New York
NCAA Basketball					
Oregon at UCLA 3/1	Oregon	Oregon	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
Georgetown at Providence 3/2	Georgetown	Georgetown	Providence	Georgetown	Providence
Duke at North Carolina 3/2	North Carolina	North Carolina	Duke	Duke	Duke
South Carolina at Kentucky 3/2	Kentucky	South Carolina	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky

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Hockey, NY, and the Olympics

JASON SANTARCANGELO

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

One down and...

A couple of weeks to go before the National Hockey League's trading deadline arrives and the wheeling and dealing has begun. The NJ Devils and Toronto Maple Leafs swapped five players including the Leaf's captain **Doug Gilmour**. Gilmour will give the third worst offense in the NHL some life. His 15 goals and 45 assists would place him first on the Devils in assists and total points. In his first game last evening Gilmour scored and made **Lou Lamoriello** look like a genius. The Devils also picked up a steady veteran blueliner in **Dave Ellett** and a conditional round draft pick. The Devils were forced to give up youth for veteran experience. **Steve Sullivan** (8g-14a-22) had been a steady performer for the Devils in 33 games after being recalled from the Albany River Rats early in the season. Toronto also aquired defenseman **Jason Smith** (1g-1a-2) who had played in 52 games for the Devils. Junior Hockey forward **Alan McCauley** was also dealt to the Leafs. The deal provides Toronto with the necessary youth to begin rebuilding. The Devils have now aquired three play-off veterans in two weeks, last week they traded River Rat **Chris MacAlpine** to the St. Louis Blues for **Peter Zezel**, in preparation to face teams like the Flyers and the Rangers in the play-offs. Players left on the trading block include Boston Bruins **Rick Tocchet** (probably headed to the NYR), and all-star **Adam Oates** (probably heading to Florida), Edmonton's **Doug Weight** (he could end up in NJ, he's one of Lou's favorite son's from the world cup) and almost anyone else for that matter, in an era of free-agency and big bucks, money talks and...

Woods back in America...

Since teaming with **Kevin Costner** in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, **Tiger Woods** has been playing in front of large foreign crowds. Tiger will re-appear in the Nissan Open in LA this week while his father Earl recovers from heart by-pass surgery at near-by UCLA Medical Center.

New York Minute...

The New York Knicks have yet to solve their problems. Just days after all-star **Patrick Ewing** erupted in the second overtime against the Shaq-less Lakers to help the Knicks win 127-121, the Knicks fell to the tone-deaf Utah Jazz 110-89. Against the Lakers, Ewing scored 10 of his season high 34 points and grabbed 4 of his season high 25 rebounds in second OT. The Knicks now 40-16 stand two and half points behind first place Miami in the Eastern Conferences Atlantic Division. If the Knicks intend to make a post-season run, which runs through Chicago, they will certainly need more big games from their big man inside, not big jump shots from the seven foot two inch center.

New York Yankees fans should start worrying. Reports out of Legends Field are saying that right fielder **Paul O'Neill** may not be ready to go on opening day. O'Neill hit .302 with 19 homers and 91 RBIs in 150 games for the Bombers last season. He has yet to practice at full speed this spring. The same left hamstring that crippled O'Neill at the end of last season has the Yankees highstrung. The Yankees open their exhibition season today against the Montreal Expos.

The NY Rangers have yet to find that magic touch this season. If they have hopes of hoisting Lord Stanley's cup in June, **Neil Smith** better make some deals. On Sunday the Rangers were outclassed by a physical Flyers team who held the Rangers to only fifteen shots on goal. **Mike Richter** who made thirty-five saves in the 2-1 loss can not do it alone. The Rangers offense has been anything but impressive since the Great One stopped finding the twine. They certainly need to solidify their offense with some trades but **Glen Healy** is biggest trade bait. If **Colin Campbell** wants to compete with Devils, Flyers and Panthers he better work some magic because Messier and Gretzky can only carry the Blue Shirts so far.

One Year ago and Counting...

Until the 1998 Winter Olympic Games kick off in Nagano, Japan. Highlights certain to capture the spotlight will be the NHL shut down—an effort to allow NHLers to compete at the games. If this past summer's World Cup was the preview, the main attraction will be an amazing show. Snowboarding will be a medal sport for the first time ever. Boarders will compete in racing and freestyle events much like their skiing counterparts. Curling will also be contested as a medal sport for the first time in Olympic history. Women will also compete for medals in ice hockey in Nagano. The Canadians are the favorites but the United States will give them a run for their money.

50 years and...

What memories the NCAA hockey tournament has provided for fans of hockey. The NCAA, just this past week released its 50th Anniversary NCAA Tournament Hockey Team. Goalie **Ken Dryden** who backboned three final four appearances including a title in 1967 for Cornell University, highlights the list. Blackhawk defenseman **Chris Chelios** and former Devil **Bruce Driver**, both from the University of Wisconsin head the blueliners. Chelios helped the Badgers capture the 1983 championship. Driver captured two titles, 1981 and 1983, and earned second place with Chelios in 1982. The forwards have all left marks of greatness on the game forever. The list includes former Boston University stand-out **Tony Amonte**, **Bill Cleary** from Harvard, **Paul Karyia** and **Jim Montgomery** from the University of Maine's 1993 championship team and **Tom Rendall** (1955, 57 championship teams), **John Matcheffs** (1951, 53 championship teams) and **Red Berenson** from the University of Michigan.

Women's basketball ends season with wins on road trip

By Felicia Holtzman '00
Sports Writer

The Hamilton Women's basketball team concluded a somewhat inconsistent season this past weekend with victories against Clarkson and St. Lawrence. The team ended their season with a great deal of improvement and progress, and finished with a final record of 10-14.

Last Friday the Continentals hosted Clarkson. Jen Moran '99 scored 22 points and led Hamilton to a 66-55 victory. At halftime, the Continentals were in the lead 36-26, but lost their edge in the beginning of the second half when Clarkson began a comeback. Clarkson went on a 13-0 run, giving Clarkson a 39-36 lead with 13:55 left on the clock. Finally, Ashley Merriman '98 scored for the Continentals just under a minute later to bring the Continentals to within one. With 5:58 left, the score was tied 49-49 and Moran came in with a 3 point play to set off a 9-0 run for Hamilton, which ultimately gave them the edge in this game. In their last meeting, Clarkson had defeated the Continentals 62-55, so this game allowed Hamilton to come home with a well-deserved win. The excitement of the game boosted the energy levels of the players and sent them on a high to help them take on St. Lawrence.

In another close and intense game the following day, Hamilton defeated St. Lawrence 55-53. Earlier in the season when the Continentals were at St. Lawrence, the Saints edged out the Continentals 62-60. Hamilton was looking for revenge. This time, the Continentals remained just as close, but were dedicated, focused, and refused to give up. At halftime, St. Lawrence was up by five points, 29-24. The Continentals' shooting was less than perfect in the second half, but once the Blue turned things around in the second half, there was no stopping them.

Near the end of the game, St. Lawrence came on strong, fouling the Continentals to stop the clock. "The end of the game was certainly a nail biter," said assistant coach Melissa Hart. "We had a few chances to finish the game and we let them stay in longer than we could have. We didn't really clench the win until the last minute." Had the Continentals made more of their free throws toward the end of the game, it may not have been so close. However, Jen Moran hit some important foul shots in the last minutes of the game, giving Hamilton a permanent lead. Moran finished with 14 points and Sabrina Valenta '00 had a double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds. "What is important is that we didn't give up in the end and we worked hard, and it paid off," commented coach Don Crist. "We ended the season with 2 straight wins and we won 3 out of our last 4 games."

Although the team had a bit of a rocky start, and spent some time adjusting to working together as a team, they finished strong and kept up their morale despite a losing record. The team displayed an immense amount of improvement, evident in their last few games of the season. "We went out strong and we beat a couple of really strong teams," Crist added. "We made progress, and in the end we dug down, found some pride, and played with real feeling for the remainder of our season."

The Continentals ended up beating every team in their conference at least once by the conclusion of the season, with the exception of William Smith, who had a perfect record of 24-0. Jessica Levi '97, who led the team in points many times this season, was named to the UCAA Second Team and Jen Moran was awarded with an honorable mention.

The comeback that the women's basketball team made in the last half of their season is obvious in the results of their games. The second half of the season was full of accomplishments and victories. They played much more consistently than they had earlier in the year, and demonstrated improvements in their shooting skills and rebounding strategies.

Photo by Ritu Monga '99

Women's prepares for season finale.

Riddick Bowe's absurd fall

TIM BOOTH
THE ABSURD TRUTH

As a sports fan, I'm used to seeing absurd stories. When I saw the headline "Bowe Fulfills Dream of Becoming a Marine", I was really taken aback. What a ridiculous continuation of what has been a circus career of inanity. Bowe began grabbing attention as a young punk bruiser in NY. He had an attitude and a deadly jab to back it up. He has posted a career 39-1 record with 31 knockouts, dating back to March of 1989. The young slugger boxed his way to a Heavyweight Title Fight against Evander Holyfield, with an undefeated record, in November 1992. After 12 rounds, Bowe won an upset unanimous decision to capture the title. After two successful defenses, he lost the belt back to Holyfield a year later. The Bowe-Holyfield rivalry, which some fools have compared to Ali-Frazier, was to have one more showdown. This time with no title at stake, the two met again in Vegas in '95. This time Bowe made no doubt of it, knocking Holyfield out in the eighth round. Most boxing fans believed Bowe was the only contender who could give the newly liberated Mike Tyson a fight. Then something happened along the way. Bowe signed on to fight little known Polish boxer Andrew Golota. This was supposed to be an easy fight for Bowe, a certain walk in the park. When they met in July of last year in NY, Bowe hit the scales at the heaviest fighting weight of his career. The result—the cocky Bowe got pummeled by Golota for nearly eight rounds. A truly wild swinger, Golota ended up throwing one too many punches below the belt and was disqualified, igniting one of the truly preposterous sports spectacles in recent years. A massive riot broke out in Madison Square Garden that eventually led to police arrests and bans from the boxing world.

If you want to talk about absurdity in sports, look no further than the melee that broke out after the first Bowe-Golota fight. In the past few years, we have seen Monica Seles stabbed by an infatuated Steffi Graf fan, Albert Belle throw a baseball at a fan, Dennis Rodman kick a reporter, and the Olympic Village blown up. The riot that followed this fight, ranks right up there with these events. Bowe demonstrated that he is foremost a punk, and not a bruiser. He has lived out the usual story of the athlete ruined by their own fame. Like so many young athletes before him, Bowe never reached his potential because his arrogance blocked the path. Mike Tyson, in his loss to Evander Holyfield last November, is another case in point. Both boxers believed they were good enough to win without truly preparing. Both boxers ended up taking a severe beating. The difference—Bowe was boxing a meathead and Tyson was fighting one of the only classy figures in the sport.

Bowe decided he needed to validate himself in the boxing world. In his mind, the only way to do that was to beat Golota. The two signed on for a much anticipated rematch. The previous brawl had left a bad taste in the mouths of everyone that was involved, and this time around it was sure to be a battle. Different night, same story. Bowe showed up to the match out of shape, and Golota kicked the @*!# out of him again. As if to reserve his place among the dumbest athletes of all time, though, Golota again was disqualified for low blows. Riddick Bowe may be the luckiest 39-1 boxer in history.

These are the events that have led up to the present day controversy circling around Bowe. Approximately one month ago, Bowe came out of nowhere to announce that he had decided to join the Marines. Supposedly, it had been Bowe's life long dream to wear the white uniform. The humiliated boxer may not have known what he was getting himself into. After just nine days of basic training, Bowe quit citing problems he had with taking orders. What did he actually think he was going to be doing, anyway? Marine training is centered around taking orders. Our entire Armed Services is based on taking orders. Furthermore, he said he didn't realize he would not be able to see his wife and kids. Like his previous two fights, Bowe wasn't prepared to back up his talk. He has embarrassed himself, his family, and the Marines. Even if it seemed as if Bowe could not humiliate himself any further, he found a way.

This weekend, Sugar Ray Leonard will take another shot at coming out of retirement. At the age of 40, the ever-competitive middle weight will face off against another well traveled veteran, Hector "Macho" Camacho. Some people turn their noses up at the fight, but I don't understand how anyone could deny the chance to watch a living legend. Sugar Ray became the symbol of how a boxer should compose himself in and out of the ring. The first word that comes to mind when I think of Leonard is class. You could never catch him unprepared for a fight. Although he exuded an over-abundance of confidence, he was never too cocky to reach for his potential. Sugar Ray Leonard is an individual that Riddick Bowe could learn a great deal from.

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Women's hockey finishes tough season

BY JEFF GORALNICK '98
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's hockey team finished their season this past weekend on the road in Vermont.

On Saturday, the Continentals faced off against the University of Vermont Catamounts in a battle which was important for Hamilton's post-season fate. The Catamounts were a mere 4-9-1 record on the season, and were looking to prove themselves. Vermont opened up the scoring just a few minutes into the game, but Hamilton quickly tied it up at one when Stacy Tysinski '99 found the net halfway through the first period. Vermont's Betsy Ammel put the Catamounts up 2-1 with just under five minutes remaining in the second period. The Continentals returned from the locker room for the third period, determined to come back.

Wasting no time, Charlotte Davet '00 scored to tie it up at two just five minutes into the period. Despite Isabel Roberts' '97 heroic efforts between the pipes for the Continentals, Vermont was able to score with just 45 seconds remaining in regulation amidst chaos in front of the net. This would prove to be the game winner, as Hamilton was unable to convert in the remaining seconds, falling 3-2. Roberts stopped 31 of 34 shots she faced, while Vermont's Mell Bouchard stopped 9 of 11 shots in goal for the Catamounts.

The following day, Hamilton traveled to Middlebury to take on the Panthers, who were undefeated in Alliance Conference play. Middlebury took the lead 7:23 into the first period, on a power play goal from Catherine Pullins. The Panthers continued to dominate the ice for the rest of the first period, and took a 3-0 lead into the locker room. Middlebury would go on to win 7-0, with 57 shots on goal. Isabel Roberts made 41 saves of the 47 shots she faced, and Kate Masi '98 stopped 9 of 10 shots. Middlebury's first year goaltender Beth Denoncourt stopped five of five shots for her fifth shutout of the season. Middlebury finished their season 18-6, undefeated in conference play, and will host the Alliance Championships this weekend.

With these two games, Hamilton finishes its inaugural season at 12-8-0. While they did not make post-season play this year, they have certainly proved that they can play with the best teams in the league. The Continentals have a young team which they look to build on even further for next year, and will certainly be among the top teams of the league again next year.

Women's varsity hockey finishes inaugural season in fine form. PHOTO BY DAVE TOWNSEND '97

ECAC first round to be played at Hamilton

BY DAVE ANDREATTA '97
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College Continentals will once again be heading to the ECAC East playoffs this year. Hamilton fell short of a national bid with a loss to 5-time winners A.I.C. three weeks ago, despite Hamilton's all-time high in the national poll at third place. Middlebury, which had the same number of wins as the Continentals, looks to be the soul representative of the ECAC East this year with a first place finish in both the east and the national standings.

The corps of teams that will be joining Hamilton in the quest for an ECAC crown are nothing to sneeze at. Norwich, Williams, Colby, and the Continentals were all nationally ranked in the top ten and have proved to be fierce competitors. Although Hamilton is seeded third in the competition it has to be taken into consideration that the Continentals have been to the finals of the tournament before and carry with them the experience needed to pull through in a high-pressure contest. Hamilton will be looking to avenge its heartbreaking loss to Amherst in last year's ECAC championship game. The Continentals dropped the 5-4 overtime decision to Amherst after a bogus call by a referee left Hamilton shorthanded at the buzzer and for a minute of the overtime period, which proved to be enough time for Amherst to capitalize.

This year the ECAC playoffs will be run differently than they have been in the past. Ten teams, as opposed to eight, are invited to participate. Four of those teams, the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th ranked teams, played in a preliminary round on Wednesday to cut the total pool of teams to eight. Those remaining eight begin a one game playoff tomorrow to further decrease the number of participants to four. The final four tournament takes place on March 7-8 in a location that is to be announced.

Hamilton tied for third place in the standings with Williams, but because of its 3-0 loss in Williamstown earlier in the season, Hamilton landed the third seed while Williams stole second and Middlebury gained a national bid. This means the Continentals will face off against 6th seed St. Anselm tomorrow night. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m. in the Sage Rink to kick off the ECAC East quarterfinals.

The Continentals concluded their 24 game schedule with a couple of wins this past weekend to launch them into a solid spot for the playoffs. Hamilton faced Connecticut College on Friday night in its first of two weekend contests and defeated the weaker counterparts 3-1.

Assistant Captain Joe Baudo '97 led the way for the Continentals providing Hamilton with some good stand-up defense and the game winning goal to boot. In the midst of the action, Baudo managed to reach a personal milestone. With the game-winner, he notched his 100th college career point. This places him among Hamilton hockey's elite players, of which there are less than twenty since the dawn of Hamilton hockey over seventy years ago. Baudo becomes the second player of the season to reach

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Men's hoops beats Rochester in grandiose fashion

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Hamilton (14-9) Men's basketball made a strong case for the NCAA Tournament with a convincing 105-73 win Wednesday night over the Rochester Yellowjackets. With one game remaining (at Hobart), The Continentals need a win in order to qualify for postseason play. A loss at the very least will put the team at the bottom of the East regional bracket, if not eliminate them altogether. If Hamilton's play the rest of the year remotely resembles its performance against Rochester, this team could go a long way.

Last Friday, the Clarkson Golden Knights visited the Hill on Hamilton Senior Appreciation Night. Coach Murphy started five seniors, Kreso Marusic, Pat Mulholland, Kevin Larson, Dan DeBlois, and Mike Murphy. Varsity Assistant and JV Head Coach Stanley Evans could not hold back the tears of JV nostalgia welling in his eyes. The seniors fell into early foul trouble and a six-point deficit. DeBlois kept the corps in the game with a series of crafty baskets off the dribble. Hamilton's regular starters returned at the twelve minute mark and proceeded to erase the Clarkson lead. The Conts boasted a 32-30 lead at the half.

Pat Mulholland's moving Senior Night speech at halftime inspired the team and fans alike. Without any trouble, Mulholland articulately reflected on four wonderful years of basketball and the college experience. His mention of the displaced Dawg Pound faithful, the dedicated parents, the guiding hand of the coaching staff, and the supportive role of the physical plant staff left nary a dry eye in the house.

With Pat's words ringing in their ears, the inspired Conts built an early ten-point lead they would never surrender. The hot shooting of Larson and Mike Schantz '99 confounded the Golden Knight defenders. All told, the Continentals outscored Clarkson 62-38 over the course of the second half massacre. Hamilton stole the Knights' honor en route to a 94-68 victory.

Larson hit for 23 points while Schantz added 20. J. J. Raedts '97 had quite a few rebounds and Kevin Thorpe '98 hit some threes. They won for the seniors in decisive style. With a tear in his eye, assistant manager Jon Gilbert poignantly described the emotional win as a "tribute to the elder statesmen . . . As they pass the torch on to these young bucks I only hope the underclassmen will learn half the wisdom of our parting fellows."

The next day league-leading St. Lawrence entered Bundy Scott Fieldhouse looking to rebound from a loss to Hobart. This setback, the Saints' second league loss, threatened a chance for the outright league title. A Hamilton win would gain league co-champion honors between the Conts and Saints. The first half looked promising for Hamilton as they built an early lead. St. Lawrence double-teamed Schantz from the point, leaving guard Max Stroman '99 wide open in three-point land. Stroman came through by hitting four first-half treys, forcing the Saints to use timeouts and change their defensive strategy. The Continentals capitalized on the confusion en route to a 45-41 halftime lead.

In the second half, St. Lawrence regrouped, taking the lead with 15 minutes remaining. The teams traded leads until the eight minute mark when a series of poor foul calls caught up with the Conts. Raedts fouled out on a questionable call and the Saints quickly capitalized. Without their big man in the paint, Hamilton could not contain center Greg Sutton. St. Lawrence gradually built a twenty point lead they would never relinquish.

Stroman led all Hamilton scorers with 18 points on six three-pointers while Schantz added 15 in defeat. The Continentals made 10-14 free

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Men's Squash
9-10

Women's Squash
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Men's Track
7-1

Women's Track
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Men's Swimming
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Women's Swimming
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